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LAVAL NO LONGER MEMBER OF VICHY GOVERNMENT: NOW UNDER ARREST: FLANDIN IS APPOINTED NEW FOREIGN MINISTER

Changeover Probably Made At Instigation Of Germany

REPORTS FROM SWITZERLAND, QUOTED IN A LONDON MESSAGE, STATE THAT M. PIERRE LAVAL, VICE-PREMIER AND FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE VICHY GOVERNMENT, HAS BEEN ARRESTED BY THE FRENCH POLICE. THE REPORTS ADDDED THAT M. LAVAL'S HOUSE HAD BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE POLICE AND THAT HIS PAPERS HAD BEEN SEARCHED.

Marshal Petain announced yesterday that he had sent a message to Herr Hitler informing him of the removal of M. Laval and the abolition of the office of Vice-Premier and that M. Flandin may be more apt than his predecessor to promote Franco-German rapprochement.

It is considered in London that this announcement by Marshal Petain must be considered as a mere formality, because it is clear that the changeover was approved, if not instigated, by the Nazis.

NO TEARS ARE BEING SHED ABOUT LAVAL'S DEPARTURE: GOOD RIDDANCE

"While we are all inspired by the news of the relentless advance of the British Imperial forces in the Western Desert and the continued pressure of the Greeks on the Italians in Albania, there has been another sensation by Marshal Petain, who announced yesterday, with great solemnity, that he has got rid of M. Laval," said MR. CYRIL LAKIN, news commentator, in a talk from London yesterday.

"We are shedding no tears about M. Laval's departure and we are certain no others will, certainly not in France or America, who, like us will say, good riddance."

"What Herr Hitler is saying and thinking about it, goodness only knows, but as far as we are concerned it can be summed up by saying that any change from the anti-British Laval will be a change for the better—it cannot be worse."

After referring to the brilliant achievement of the British forces in the Western Desert and the consistent Greek successes against the Italians in the fighting in Albania, Mr. Lakin said: "In Signor Mussolini's present mess, his friend at the other end of the Axis seems to be doing nothing to help him."

The trouble may be that Herr Hitler cannot do anything to help. It is true that he can attack our shipping, but he knows very well that this cannot be decisive. So perhaps, Herr Hitler feels that he is in a bit of a predicament too.

"He is now probably going to have another shot at France. But if he thinks that M. Flandin is going to help him more than M. Laval did I think he is backing the wrong horse. M. Flandin will not be able to persuade the French to do more to help Germany than M. Laval did, particu-



M. PIERRE LAVAL

A German broadcast states that M. Flandin was among those who remained silent because he knew the truth and added that M. Flandin was one of those who had sent Herr Hitler a telegram of congratulations after the signing of the Munich Agreement.

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuters)—M. Flandin, six-foot premier of France, who startled the world after the Munich Pact when he sent a telegram of congratulations to Hitler, has replaced M. Laval as Foreign Minister in the Vichy Government.

The new Foreign Minister speaks English fluently and had, in the past, many English friends whom he used to join for grouse shooting nearly every year.

SATISFACTION IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (Reuters)—M. Laval's dismissal has caused nothing but satisfaction in the capital for all doubtful elements connected with the Vichy regime he has been regrettet in the United States as most inimical to the best interests of the French.

M. Laval has long been regarded here as a dangerous intriguer who was willing to go the whole hog with Herr Hitler against his old ally party because of his Nazi leanings, and partly owing to his pronounced anti-British sentiment.

SERIOUS DISSENSIONS

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuters)—The replacement of M. Laval by M. Flandin does not necessarily mean any change in the political orientation of the French Government although it does show that serious dissensions have now come to the surface.

The fact that Marshal Petain has now dismissed Laval both as Vice-Premier and as his personal successor suggests that the leader has had his trust in Laval completely shattered.

M. Laval has been losing ground steadily in French public opinion

larly now when the Free French forces are playing an important part in our victory in the Western Desert. This has had a marked effect on the French and there is no doubt now about the revival of public opinion amongst the French people.

MADE ODIOUS

"M. Laval made himself odious to all Frenchmen and reports now speak of his having been arrested on the eve of his departure for a conference with Herr Hitler."

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BROADCAST BY PETAIN

Internal Policy Principle

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuters)—"M. Pierre Laval is no longer a member of the Government," dramatically announced Marshal Petain in a message broadcast last night by the Lyons Radio.

Marshal Petain prefaced his announcement with the words: "Frenchmen, I have just taken a decision which I trust is in the interest of the country," and added that M. Flandin has taken the Portfolio and Foreign Affairs. The act which nominated M. Laval as Marshal Petain's successor is cancelled. Marshal Petain said:

"It is for the high principle on internal policy that I have taken this decision. It has no repercussions at all on our relations with Germany. I remain at the helm—national revolution continues."

The decision was in the Marshal's own voice, no doubt in recording, and the "Mar-salaise" was played at the end.

DICTATOR OF DUTCH WIRELESS

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuters)—M. Dubois, National Socialist, has been appointed dictator of all Dutch wireless stations, according to Dutch circles here.

The change will make little difference to news and speeches broadcast, which the Germans dictated since the invasion, but Dutch organisations sometimes have been able to express their feelings towards the German invaders by music and other means.

Other bombs fell near a farm in the Home Counties but did little damage and no one was hurt.

Otherwise, there has only been a short night alert in London and the situation after that has been quiet.

A single enemy aircraft dropped a number of bombs late in the afternoon at a place in the West Midlands. Shops and houses were damaged and a small number of people killed and others injured.

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GREEKS TAKE IMPORTANT HEIGHTS: MORE PRISONERS ARE CAPTURED

ATHENS, Dec. 15 (Reuters)—Greek offensive activity continues successfully and important heights have been occupied, according to last night's communiqué issued by the Greek Headquarters.

The communiqué also records that numerous prisoners were taken and more than 60 automatic weapons, mortars, etc., fell into Greek hands.

Fighting in the region of the important Adriatic port of Chimalia is announced in reports from foreign correspondents at the front, according to the Athens radio.

COMPLETE FAILURE

The Greeks are continuing their advance in this sector with the aid of tanks recently captured from the Italians. All efforts of the Greeks to stem the Greek advance and prevent the capture of new important positions failed completely.

PARTICULARLY HEAVY FIGHTING TOOK PLACE FOR NEW HEIGHTS NEAR POGRAZETZ.

These were captured by the Greeks and the Italians fell back suffering heavy losses.

The Triambatou Police Station

are awaiting a claimant for an

imitation pearl necklace found on

the person of a Chinese arrested

in Hankow Road yesterday.

BRITISH ARTILLERY ARE SHELLING HELL FIRE PASS: AIR ACTIVITY INCREASED IN VIOLENCE: ITALIANS PRESSED BACK OVER EGYPTIAN FRONTIER

BRITISH ARTILLERY UNITS ARE CONTINUING TO SHELL HELL FIRE PASS, the name given to the precipitous stretch of road which runs up to the beach from Sollum and which the Italians have got to pass to get back to Libya, stated a message from London.

An official announcement from London stated: "British forces are pressing back the enemy over the Egyptian frontier and have penetrated into Italian territory."

VAIN ATTEMPTS

CAIRO, Dec. 15 (Reuters)—Desperate fighting is proceeding between British advanced units and Hackshirts who are endeavouring to consolidate their positions and making vain attempts to counter-attack.

Air activity on both sides increased in violence and bombing and machine-gunning continued throughout the day.

Behind the British advanced positions the British Army is dealing with masses of captured material and prisoners who are now estimated to number about 30,000.

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KING'S MESSAGE TO WAVELL

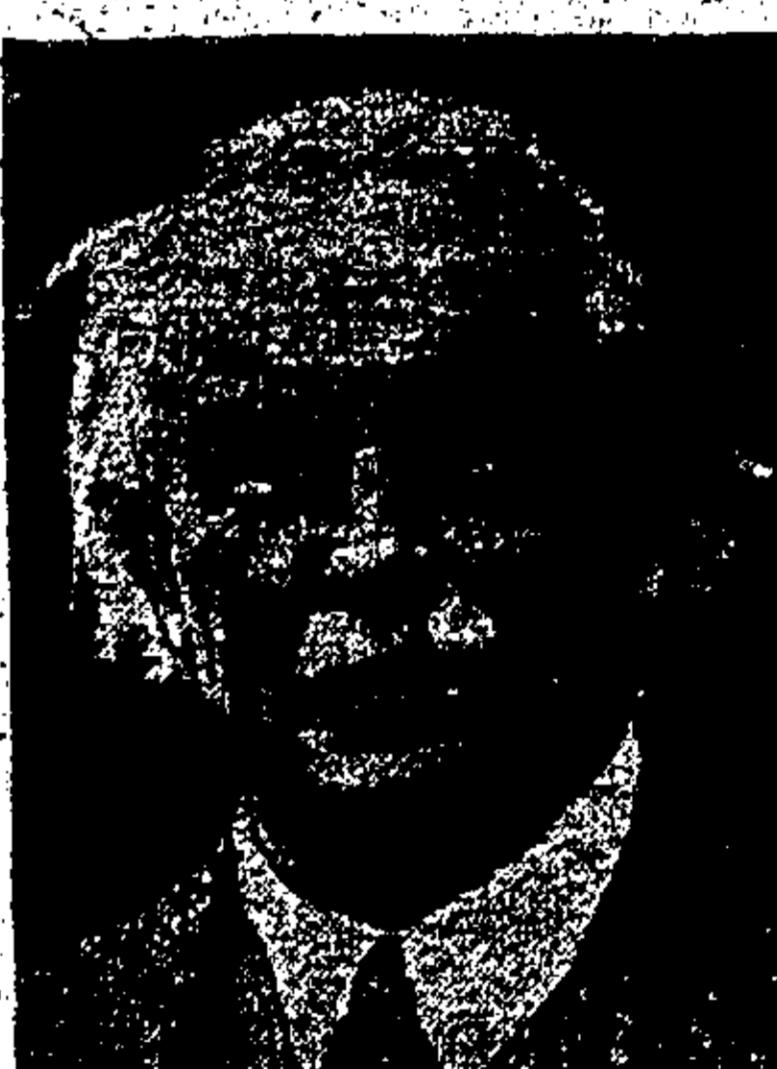
"Empire Will Be Proud"

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuters)—His Majesty the King sent the following message of congratulations on the British "victory in the Western Desert" to Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell, C-in-C. of the Middle East.

Please convey to all ranks of the force under your command my heartiest congratulations on the victory in the Western Desert.

The skill in planning this complicated operation—for which the greatest credit is due to yourself and to the commanders and Staff of all the three Services—was equalled by the efficiency and dash of the troops in carrying it out.

The whole Empire will, I am sure, be proud that contingents from the Dominions and India, as well as those of our Free French allies, played a distinguished part in this supremely successful encounter with an enemy vitally superior in numbers."



Menzies Gives Lie To Nazi Propaganda

Mr. R. G. Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia, gave the lie direct to a recent German broadcast which stated that he was going to London to voice dissatisfaction with British policy, says a London message.

This is typical of German propaganda and the answer to it was given in the Australian Parliament when all Parties approved of the country's war budget of £270,000,000.

Mr. Menzies said: "Herr Hitler can be assured that Australia is indissolubly bound up with Britain in this struggle."

J. G. On Long War

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuters)—It is useless to talk about a long war unless more food is got out of the soil of this country," declared Mr. Lloyd-George in a speech at Carnarvon yesterday.

He stressed the necessity of a complete survey of the land in order to ascertain its possibilities and how it can be improved and how labourers as well as farmers could be kept on the land.

On Other Pages

M. PIERRE LAVAL IS NO LONGER A MEMBER OF THE VICHY GOVERNMENT and is now under arrest. The French Police have also searched his papers. M. Flandin is appointed Foreign Minister. Marshal Petain remains at the helm and the national revolution continues. It is probable that the changeover was instigated by Germany.

AS THE RESULT OF "EULIS" SCORED by the Royal Air Force, the famous Dortmund-Ems Canal, a vital junction in the German canal system, is practically useless and is unrecognisable. Fifty-three attacks, it is revealed, have been made on rail targets in the course of 35 raids on Berlin.

THE ITALIANS ARE MAKING A DESPERATE STAND in an endeavour to prevent the British Imperial forces from sweeping them off Egyptian soil altogether but the morale of all ranks of the Imperial forces is tremendous and Marshal Graziani's task will be a grim one. The King has sent a message of congratulations to General Sir Archibald Wavell on the brilliant victory in the Western Desert.

IT IS REPORTED THAT REQUESTS FROM ALL quarters of the community in Shanghai for higher wages are being made. This is explained by the tremendous increase in local currency cost of living brought about by the fall in value of Shanghai's dollar and lack of supplies through the war in Europe.

ENERGY AIR ACTIVITY OVER BRITAIN ON SATURDAY night was slight and in the early evening bombs were dropped in a town on the Thames Estuary several houses being damaged and a few people killed.

Prince Liner Torpedoed Off The Irish Coast: Canadian Minister For Munitions And Supply On Board

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (Reuters)—MR. C. D. HOWE, Canadian Minister for Munitions and Supply, is on board the British liner WESTERN PRINCE (10,226 tons) which is reported to have been torpedoed 400 miles north-west of the Irish coast yesterday. The fact that he was a passenger has been confirmed by an official of the Furness Company.

The Mackay Radio reports that it intercepted a message from the radio station at Port Patrick, Scotland, relaying the news that the Western Prince had reported that she has been torpeded.

The liner had a narrow escape on her last trip out to America when her skipper, Captain John Reed, said that she just missed being bombed.

With Mr. Howe were Mr. E. P. Taylor, Director General of munitions production, Colonel W. C. Woodward, a member of Mr. Howe's Department, and Mr. Gordon Scott, financial adviser to Mr. Howe's Department.

The Western Prince left New York on Dec. 6.

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In the World of Sports



CONFUSION BAY SET NEW RECORD IN HONGKONG AUTUMN CHAMPIONS

Champion Jockey Don Black's Four Wins, One Second

CONFUSION BAY, PERFECTLY RIDDEN BY MR. S. L. SUNG, CONFOUNDED BOTH TIPSTERS AND PUNTERS WHEN IT WON THE HONGKONG AUTUMN CHAMPIONS, at the Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club held at the Valley on Saturday, in the record time of 2 mins. 19 4/5 secs., which is 2 1/2 secs. better than that established by Burford, against such stalwarts of the course as Burford, Eve of Harvest and O-Lan. Confusion Bay's win was incidentally responsible for the biggest dividend of the day (\$47.70).

The Queensland Autumn Champions—the other Championship race of the day—turned out to be a somewhat colourless event as only three ponies faced the starter. There never was any doubt as to Sapper winning as it led all the way from the starting gate to the post without being seriously extended.

Brilliant weather, large attendance, and very keen racing contributed to making the final meeting of the year a huge success.

Bob Charles, the veteran jockey, scored the most popular win of the day when he piloted Rob Roy first past the post two lengths ahead of Emergency Unit, to pay \$31.50.

Dividends on the whole were most satisfactory in spite of the fact that fields were on the small side. Cash sweeps topped the \$3,000 mark in every race, and paid over \$7,000 on the two \$2-tickets events.

The Daily Double, with a total pool of \$15,380, paid \$22.90 to each of the 671 tickets on the Warrego River-Quick Despatch combination.

Mr. Donald Black's impressive list of successes this year include 37 wins, 13 seconds, and 20 thirds, in 164 outings. Mr. L. B. Chao is second with 31 wins, 24 seconds, and 19 thirds in 139 races; and Mr. P. Y. T. Wei is third with 24 wins, 16 seconds, and 19 thirds in 139 rides.

The most successful novice jockey is Mr. G. W. Cooper who has nine wins to his credit. Mr. Tubby Wood is a close second with eight wins.

RACE ONE

Humdrum Eve took the lead followed by Kentucky, Red Feather, Lilliput, and Lancashire Lass. These positions were maintained until the village bend when Red Feather dropped back to fourth position.

Coming into the straight Lilliput came up strongly from the outside to draw level with Humdrum Eve, and passed it when opposite the stands to win by three quarters of a length. Kentucky made a belated effort and was beaten to the post by a neck.

Time: 1:56.1.

Part Mutual:

Winner: \$43.00.

Places: \$5.60; \$10.60.

Also ran: Lancashire Lass 154 lbs.

(V. V. Needs); Red Feather 138 (P. Y. T. Wei).

Betting:

Win. Place: 224-218.

Blue Field: 884-1032.

Dawn Star: 34-37.

Yesterday's Softball Results

The following are the results of the softball matches played yesterday:

LADIES' LEAGUE

Runs

Cardinals 22
Recreo 21

Florinas 19
Chung Hwa 10

Wahoos 17
Wildcats 16

FIRST DIVISION

St. Joseph's 25

Philippines 7
Recreo "A" 1

Cyclones 0
Indian S.C. 11

Canadians 3

SECOND DIVISION

Chung Hwa 9

Cosmopolitan 8

S.C.A.A. 6

Recreo "B" 5

V.R.C. 20

HONG LEAGUE

H.K. Bank 12

Cables 2

Chartered Bank 20

Greensports 12

SPORTING FIXTURES TODAY

BADMINTON—"A" Division: Chinese Y. V. University "A".

SWIMMING—Y.M.C.A. Swimming and Swimming Instruction.

TOMORROW

BADMINTON—Y.M.C.A. Badminton 6-11 p.m.

HILLDARDS—Y.M.C.A. Billiards Match, 7.30-11 p.m.

SWIMMING—Y.M.C.A. Mixed Swimming, 6-8 p.m.

ASSCN. HOCKEY: POLICE "A" SWAMP BEST 'VARSITY XI

A.N. OTHERS ALSO IN PEAK FORM

Police "A" beat University by six clear goals at Boundary Street yesterday in the Hockey Association Tournament. Khasla beat Police "B" by three goals to one on the same ground, while at King's Park, A. N. Other XI beat 5th A. A. "B" by six goals to one. Only three matches were played.

Against University, Police "A" fielded their best team against University's best and scored three times in each half. The under-graduates did their best but were no match for their opponents. Howlett, Jasbir Singh and Gough were the outstanding players.

Jasbir Singh (3), Howlett (2) and Teja Singh scored.

POLICE "A": Naranjan Singh; Blackburn, Man Singh; Leslie, Gough, Hayward; Teja Singh, Howlett, Jasbir Singh, Parker and Brown.

UNIVERSITY: N. C. Sen Gupta; N. H. Low, S. S. Khor; Hukum Singh, O. C. Lew, K. Y. Tan, H. E. Ho, T. T. Chin, Heng Rai, D. Chelliah and L. H. Tan.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Airdrieonians 3, Hearts 1.

Celtic 2, Albian Rovers 0.

Falkirk 6, Morton 3.

Hibernian 2, Clyde 2.

Motherwell 2, Queen's Park 0.

Partick 1, Rangers 4.

St. Mirren 3, Hamilton 3.

Third Lanark 4, Dumbarton 1.

OTHER MATCHES

Notts. C. F. A. XI 1.

Southport 2, F.A. XI 2.

Scottish F.A. XI 4, Army XI 2.

Bath 6, R.A.F. XV 6.

Norwich City Trounce Aldershot

Big Away Victories In Home Football

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuters)—

Home football matches played yesterday resulted as follows:

NORTH

Bradford C. 4, Bradford 2.

Chester 3, Burnley 4.

Leeds 0, Huddersfield 1, Halifax 1.

Hull 1, Barnsley 2.

Liverpool 6, New Brighton 4.

Manchester U. 3, Rochdale 4.

Middlesbrough 2, Grimsby 1.

Oldham 1, Blackburn 0.

Preston N.E. 2, Burn 2.

Stockport 1, Manchester C. 9.

Trunmere 2, Everton 8.

Wrexham 5, Crewe 1.

York 1, Doncaster 4.

SOUTH

Arsenal 3, Queen's P.R. 2.

Brighton and Hove 1, Charlton 1.

Bristol 3, Bournmouth 0.

Cardiff 4, Stoke 0.

Chelsea 1, Crystal Pal 2.

Leicester 4, West Bromwich 3.

Luton 3, Fulham 4.

Mansfield 2, Nottingham F. 1.

Millwall 3, Brentford 0.

Dewsbury 4, Hull 5.

Hunslet 0, Wakefield 0.

Keighley 23, York 5.

Salisbury 25, Liverpool 2.

St. Helen's 19, Oldham 2.

Warrington 3, Swinton 2.

Wigan 45, Leigh 0.

RUGBY UNION

Guy's Hos. 11, Wasps 15.

Rosslyn Park 0, C.E.J. Lambert's XV 7.

St. Mary's Hos. 8, St. Bart's Hos. 9.

Andershot Com. O. N.Z. Army XV 8.

Cardiff 17, British Empire XV 3.

Gloster 6, Shroud 0.

Bath 6, R.A.F. XV 6.

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL:

SOUTH CHINA TOO GOOD FOR CLUB: M'SEX SHARE POINTS WITH KWONG WAH

ONLY TWO SENIOR LEAGUE GAMES WERE PLAYED ON SATURDAY, SOUTH CHINA REGISTERING A COMFORTABLE WIN OVER CLUB by four goals to one, while Kwong Wah forced a draw on Middlesex, after being two goals down at one time.

South China in defeating Club by four goals to one displayed a superiority which, had not the Club's defence been in brilliant form, would have allowed the Chinese to win by a greater margin.

The Chinese attack worked with machine-like precision, Chan Tak-po, Tse Kam-hung; Lau Chung-tsang, Lee Tak-kei, Chan Tak-fai, Chow Man-chi and Lee Shek-yau.

Two up before the game was ten minutes old Middlesex, for some inexplicable reason, fell for and was fortunate to share the spoils with Kwong Wah on the Sookpook ground on Saturday, each side scoring twice.

Starting in a determined manner Middlesex were definitely the better team in the first half and only the good work of Chung Fa-lam and Leung Pak-wai, Kwong Wah's backs, that prevented the military side from running up a bigger score.

Snuffing out an early promising Chinese goal was put in by Lee Shek-yau, who, securing the ball during a scrimmage, in front of the goal, shot through a crowd of players, Odell being unighted.

At this stage, a section of the spectators, who had hotly contested the decisions of the referee, was cautioned by the latter.

LEAD INCREASED.

After the interval the Chinese increased their lead through Chow Man-chi and Chan Tak-fai. Though Club made strenuous efforts they could not get going against the strong defence work of Tang Chung-wan and Lee Kwok-wai. Fowler worked hard in the centre but received little or no support. Club's lone tally was netted by Scott who sent in a "stinger" that had Tam completely beaten.

That they were defeated by such a small margin Club had to thank the brilliant keeping of Odell and the stout defence of Syd Strange.

CLUB: Odell, Eardley, S. Strange, Upton, Skinner, E. Strange, Hopkinson, Scott, Fowler, Bickford and Rutherford.

SOUTH CHINA: Tam Kwan-kon, Tsang Chung-wan, Lee Kwok-wai, Lau Hing-chol, Lam

KEN OVERLIN RETAINS CHAMPIONSHIP

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (Reuters)—Ken Overlin easily retained the World Middleweight Boxing Championship yesterday when he outpointed the youthful challenger, Steve Beloise, in a 15-round contest at Madison Square Garden.

The experienced Overlin tapped his opponent's strength with a forceful body attack, while Beloise foolishly elected to wait for one heavy punch which he was never able to land.

C.R.C. "AT HOME"

The Chinese Recreation Club will hold its annual "At Home" on Sunday, Dec. 28 when an American Tennis Tournament for members will be staged, following which the prizes and League trophies will be distributed by Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo.

RUNAWAY WIN FOR WIGAN

Home Rugby Results

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuters)—The following are the results of Rugby League matches played yesterday:

Leading by the odd goal in three at the interval, POLICE were unlucky to lose to EASTERN by four goals to two in the Senior League at Caroline Hill yesterday.

Making up for what they lacked in fitness with determined half, EASTERN netting the equalised during the absence of Chan Kwong-yu who had to be carried off the field following a collision with Lau Wing-fook.

EASTERN on the whole, were not up to their expected form and their forwards, though showing good combination, lacked dash.

BRITISH FORCES "MOPPING UP" IN WESTERN DESERT

Italians Attempt To Stem Rout In Libya: Prisoners, War Material Pouring In

CAIRO, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—It was reliably learned yesterday that casualties among the British and Imperial troops in the Western Desert advance are very slight; it is reported that the offensive is still proceeding very satisfactorily according to plan and that the number of Italian prisoners is mounting hourly.

Our advance is continuing so fast that it is impossible to obtain details of the operations but it is known that our troops are collecting stores and ammunition left behind by the Italians and are consolidating the newly-won positions.

Prisoners are being taken at such a rate that there is no tally at present but it is certain that the last official figure, 20,000, has now been much exceeded.

The Royal Navy is helping to deal with prisoners which it is taking on board at coastal ports; the Italians are described as miserably equipped, depressed, with broken boots and tattered uniforms.

They knew nothing of the situation in Albania and thought the Greeks had been driven back.

Many of the Italian officers took their pet dogs with them into captivity.

DIED AT POSTS

Most of the Italians surrendered when our tanks appeared but some of the enemy anti-tank gunners died at their posts.

In one place our troops found Chianti and tinned food in a dump which looked "just like a department store."

At the same point we also took lorries, guns, tanks and two loads of documents.

G.H.Q. COMMUNIQUE

An Italian attempt to stem the rout on the Egypt-Libyan border was revealed in yesterday's communiqué from Army G.H.Q. in Cairo.

The communiqué states the Italians are making a desperate attempt to make a stand on the Libyan border 50 miles west of Sidi Barrani.

The British and imperial forces, the communiqué adds, are keeping up pressure although they are now 125 miles from their base at Mersa Matruh.

ITALIAN RESISTANCE

Our advanced elements are now pressing back the enemy who are trying to make a fight of it.

Italian prisoners are rolling in steadily and it is now estimated that at least 26,000 have been taken, in addition to guns, tanks and large quantities of equipment of all kinds.

Our forces continue harassing operations in the Sudan, the communiqué concludes.

"MOPPING UP"

British forces in the Western Desert are systematically "mopping up," a very big task indeed, and military circles in London warn against expecting the rate of advance of the first five days to be maintained.

Our troops have been fighting since last Monday. They have covered a lot of ground, have taken many prisoners and are operating in a waterless area far from their railhead.

The task of dealing with the prisoners alone is a formidable one, while tanks which have been operating for five days in the desert, encountering among other things a sand-storm, require maintenance and overhaul.

GREEK GUNS SHELLING TEPELINI

ADVANCE RECORDED ON ALL SECTORS

ATHENS, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—Italian counter-attacks in Albania have been repulsed and the Greeks are still forcing them back, despite the heavy snow and blizzards.

As they clear the roads with tractors and snow ploughs, the Greeks are coming across more and more supplies abandoned by the Italians, and are taking more prisoners.

There are about 14 Italian Divisions lined up against the Greeks, some of which have already been handled pretty severely.

HEAVY FIGHTING

In the north, heavy fighting is in progress and the Greeks have successfully thrown back desperate Italian counter-attacks and held their ground.

In the south, on the road from Argyrokastro to Valona, the Greeks are very near to Tepelini

Dictators To Meet Again?

HERR HITLER ON MYSTERY TRIP

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—Hitler, accompanied by his Foreign Minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop, has left Berlin for an unknown destination, according to a Columbia Broadcasting System report from Berlin yesterday.

Unconfirmed but persistent rumours from Berlin claim that Hitler is meeting Mussolini.

Last time the two Dictators met was at the famous Brenner meeting when they were reported to have divided "the spoils of a victorious war when won" between them.

The reported hurried departure of Hitler and Ribbentrop, if confirmed, is believed in Washington to be connected with the Italian situation.

Private reports reaching Washington from Europe indicate Italy is rapidly moving towards a serious internal crisis.

KING THANKS ROOSEVELT

His Majesty the King has sent a message of thanks to President Roosevelt for his message of sympathy over the death of Lord Lothian, says a London message.

His Majesty has also sent a message of condolence to Lord Lothian's sisters who are now in Washington.

Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed but the United States Government is considering the possibility of sending Lord Lothian's remains to England in a U.S. cruiser.

At Diredawa a pumping station was bombed while Asmara was also attacked.

The Caproni workshops received a direct hit.

No operations were possible in Albania owing to extremely bad weather.

When the "Nippy" turned for

FILIPINO

Indo-China, Thailand Hostilities

TOKYO, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—The conflict between Thailand and Indo-China has been intensified throughout the border region during the past few days, according to a semi-official Japanese report received from Hanoi yesterday.

Expressing the Government's firm determination regarding the situation, Admiral Decoux, Governor-General of Indo-China, told the Japanese press:

"Should Thailand continue her invading military actions in future, we are ready to counterattack every single Thai attack."

"Although Indo-China still entertains hope for a peaceful settlement, should the situation develop into war Thailand must be held responsible."

"It is my belief that as a result of this alliance a Japanese-American war has become less probable than before its creation."

"NUISANCE VALUE"

"The function of Japan under the alliance is to assert its 'nuisance value' on the U.S. by discouraging this country from joining or aiding Britain in the Atlantic and by worrying Britain's colonies in the Pacific."

"For this role Germany may reward Japan with the Dutch East Indies and French Indo-China or a part of them in the same manner that she rewarded Russia with half of Poland for the same role a year ago."

"Today Japan has no colour of authority to occupy the Dutch East Indies and French Indo-China, but Germany can claim that having conquered Holland and France she automatically becomes supreme in their colonial possessions."

"Japan's role in the tripartite alliance is best discharged without war with the United States."

"Japan knows that she has much to gain by being at peace with the United States and much to lose by being at war."

"Japan knows that if she tackles the United States she has to face the combined strength of the Chinese man power and the American material and military resources at a time when she has used up much of her strength in her war with China and when she can not expect any military assistance from her German and Italian allies."

A brief and modest communiqué issued in Athens stated: "There were violent actions by our troops in various parts of the front with favourable results."

Athens radio, enlarging on the

communiqué, said a brilliant victory had been won near the Adriatic coast.

GENERAL

R.A.F. RAIN DEVASTATION IN REICH, OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—Widespread heavy attacks on Germany and occupied territories were carried out by the R.A.F. during the week ending Dec. 13, despite extremely unfavourable weather, it was declared in London yesterday.

Outstanding objectives included Dusseldorf, where targets bombed were blast furnaces, steel works, the Dusseldorf-Derendorf goods yards, the Mannesmann-Rohrenwerke armaments works and also the inland port and gasworks.

Dusseldorf was raided on two successive nights, both attacks being very concentrated and heavy.

Pilots saw roof cave in and explosions tore the walls of the great steel works wide open. Fires could be seen 40 miles away.

A supply train near Dusseldorf was machine-gunned from a height of 50 feet.

AERODROMES BOMBED

Enemy aerodromes in occupied territory were attacked on most nights but special widespread raids were made on the night of December 6/7, and spectacular fires and explosions were reported.

Aerodromes bombed included Le Touquet, Chateau Dur, Melun, Villacoublay, Chartres, Vendeville, Vitry-en-Artois, Le Culot, Brussels, Halekamp, Ypenburg, Rotterdam, Trout and Eindhoven.

The Lorient and Brest submarine bases were both raided on three nights.

During the raid on the Bordeaux submarine base one explosion was so terrific that it lit the inside of aircraft flying at over 1,000 feet.

BRITISH LOSSES

A total of at least 27 attacks was made against ports, nine against factories and industrial targets, six against railways and a great number against aerodromes.

Twelve aircraft failed to return while two enemy aircraft were destroyed by British bombers.

GREAT EXPLOSION

The attack on the U-boat base at Bordeaux was continued in a short destructive raid with heavy bombs, states the Air Ministry.

First pilot to attack scored a hit on a big quayside building.

A great explosion near the gates of one dock during the later stages of the raid was followed by a dozen others along the Basin.

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NEW BAPTIST CHURCH OPENED BY GOVERNOR

Pleasant Ceremony At Kowloon City

"That I am not a member of the Baptist denomination myself makes no difference to this pleasure," said His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton, C. B., D. S. O., M. C., in declaring the new building of the Kowloon City Baptist Church, in Stirling Road, opened on Saturday.

His Excellency was met on arrival by the Rev. H. O. Hall, Bishop of Hongkong, the Rev. Lau Yuet-shing, Dr. Y. T. Chin Mr. Lam Chi-fung and the Rev. Cheung Man-chu.

After a short prayer was said least its nurse—and which has proved so kindly a nurse for Chinese christendom as a whole that the Chinese Christian population in the Colony today numbers some 40,000—three times its total European population.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH
His Excellency said:—

It was with great pleasure that I accepted the Bishop's invitation to be present at this inaugural ceremony today.

That I am not a member of the Baptist denomination myself makes no difference to this pleasure.

In a life not devoid of adventure and experience in out of the way parts of the world I have discovered to my own satisfaction an interesting fact:—Good men—men imbued with the finest inherent qualities are in my experience curiously equally distributed between all classes and between all races of mankind. And when it comes to those additional virtues which are inculcated by religion all the big and fine religions of the world make their contribution to these inherent virtues.

HARDEST STANDARD
Perhaps one of the hardest standards laid down for us Christians is in the saying "Greater love hath no man than this that he lay down his life for his friend." You can't ask much more of any man.

Yet the finest example of a lateral adherence to this precept in my experience was given by an unlettered, ignorant Tibetan porter of Buddhist religion who died on Nanga Parbat, one of the great Himalayan peaks, deliberately sacrificing his own life, which he could easily have saved, because he would not desert; a German climber so stricken with frost bite high on the mountain in a blizzard that he had no hope of escape.

If then I feel strongly the appeal of all the finer religions how much more must I feel that the differences between the various sects of our own religion are less than skin deep.

TOLERANT OUTLOOK
Such a tolerant outlook is unfortunately not universal. But from all I know of Hongkong since my father was here 70 or 80 years ago this Colony has been singularly happy in the broadmindedness of the various sects of the Christian religion one to another here—and there is no finer protagonist of this broad minded tolerance than the Bishop of Hongkong to whose help I am indebted for some of the following facts:

The Baptists who are I believe the largest Christian denomination in the world after the Roman Catholics, were early in the field in Missionary work in China—making their start in Macau in 1936.

EARLY CONNECTION
Thence they transferred in 1842 to Hongkong only a year after the foundation of the Colony—so that Hongkong has a very early connection with the Baptist denomination.

In 1860 they moved to Swatow where their work flourished exceedingly. This church is the fruit of the work carried out there and in Canton.

In parentheses I should like to touch on the very fine educational work carried out in Canton by the Baptists; particularly the Foo Ching and Foo Do Schools for boys and girls respectively and the former has a branch in Hongkong and the latter has now moved complete to Hongkong for sanctuary.

CHINESE CHRISTIANS
The building of the church which we are inaugurating today has been made possible entirely by the work of Chinese Christians and owes much to the energy and organising ability of Mr. Lam Chi-fung, of Swatow who is also this year Chairman of the YMCA in Hongkong. May I take this chance of expressing my admiration for his work.

This church may stand, then, as an outward and visible sign of a most flourishing branch of the Christian Church. Long may it continue to flourish in Hongkong which if not its mother was at

DELAYED CLIPPER MAKES BRIEF STAY IN H.K.

After several days' delay owing to typhoon weather, Pan American Airways CALIFORNIA CLIPPER (Capt. E. L. Turner) bringing U.S. mails dated San Francisco, Dec. 1 and 4, arrived in Hongkong at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday.

In order to make up for lost time, the Clipper made only a brief stay in Hongkong and took off on her return flight at noon.

ARRIVALS

The following arrived by the Clipper:

MR. LEE MACHALE, engineer with General Motors Overseas Operations Dept., at Bombay en route to his headquarters after a trip to the factory in Detroit;

MR. MAURICE WALCH, general manager and treasurer of Central Aircraft Manufacturing Co., China, returning to Loiwing after a business trip to the New York Office of the company;

MRS. ELIZABETH NEWTON, wife of a British officer formerly stationed in Hongkong, en route to England, accompanied by her two sons, WILLOUGHBY and BRIAN NEWTON;

MR. JOHN K. BOUSFIELD, Far Eastern manager of Asiatic Petroleum Co., returning to the Colony after a business trip to Manila;

MR. CHARLES HOLLOWAY, agriculturist, of the Philippines, on a business visit to the Colony;

MR. JOSEPH A. PARRISH, executive of Standard-Vacuum Oil Co., Hongkong, returning after a business trip to Manila;

MR. TAN SUAN-BING, Chinese merchant from the Netherlands East Indies, making a short business trip to the Colony.

DEPARTURES

The following left by the Clipper on Saturday:

FOR MANILA: SENOR JOSE P. FERNANDEZ, Manila businessman returning after a visit to the Colony; Mr. Nils Klykken, mechanical engineer connected with Tabacalera and Co., on a business trip; MR. VASSANMAL ASSAN-MAL, Indian merchant making a round trip by Clipper on business;

DR. BALFOUR, M.C., of the Rockefeller Foundation, also on business; MR. R. C. CHEN, Chinese banker, on a business trip, accompanied by his wife; and the following Chinese Clipper commuters: Messrs. Chang Chi-hai, Chan Wan-tung, Wan Tong, Huang Beng-to, Chiu Liang-yung.

FOR HONOLULU: MR. A. TENNANT, barrister-at-law, en route to Rochester; MR. KAN CHUNG-HAN, Chinese merchant from Shanghai, en route to Rio de Janeiro, on a combined business and pleasure trip, accompanied by his wife, MRS. KAN FONG-KEE, and two sons, KAN TSIN and KAN DA.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO: MR. CHAN HING, Chinese merchant returning to San Francisco after a visit to his relatives in China; MR. MELVIN L. SOUTHWICK, executive of Standard-Vacuum Oil Co., en route to Los Angeles on home leave; and MR. R. KOPELMAN, manager of S. A. Levy and Co., Hongkong, making a round trip to New York and back on urgent business.

URBAN COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Urban Council will be held tomorrow at 4.15 p.m.

The following are the orders of the day:

Application for a restaurant licence for No. 406, Shanghai Street, ground floor; Application for a laundry licence for No. 110, Electric Road, ground floor; Application for a milk shop licence for No. 42, Sing Wo Road, ground floor.

Regular Returns.

EXHIBITION OF H.K. PRODUCTS

An exhibition of all local-made products will be staged when the Fourth Annual Hongkong Chinese Products Exhibition, to be held under the auspices of the Hongkong Chinese Manufacturers' Union, opens on Dec. 22.

The exhibition will be held in the stalls newly-built on the 70,000 square-foot area opposite the Peninsula Hotel, and will remain open Ceremonies.

His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton, will open the exhibition.

FUNERAL OF MR. H. P. MORTON

The funeral of Mr. H. P. Morton, who died at the War Memorial Nursing Home on Thursday following an operation for acute appendicitis, took place at the Colonial Cemetery on Saturday.

The Rev. Cyril Brown officiated.

Many wreaths were sent.

GENERAL

IMMIGRATION RACKETEERS WARNED

Receiving Depot To Be Established

A depot will be established by the Immigration Department when it commences operations next month, it was officially learned. This depot will occupy the godowns of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company in Connaught Road West, and will be under the charge of Mr. J. H. B. Lee, who has been appointed Deputy Immigration Officer.

It is proposed to appoint Chinese Immigration Officers to take charge of Frontier Immigration Stations and to board ships arriving in the Colony.

PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT

Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, Immigration Officer, has issued a further warning against agencies and photographers professing to be in a position to secure preferential treatment for their clients, stating that Government take no responsibility for the honesty of agents.

Some 21 authorised agents have been appointed by the Department to issue forms to applicants and to receive them for forwarding to the Immigration Department. Forms may also be obtained from solicitors' offices and from the Hongkong and Kowloon Residents' Union.

PAROCHIAL BAZAAR

A Parochial Bazaar in aid of the Precious Blood Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was held in the Tung Lo Garden, Tai Po Road, yesterday.

The Bazaar was opened at 11 a.m. by Bishop H. Valdorta, Vicar-Apostolic of Hongkong, in a few well-chosen words.

The stalls, where useful articles could be bought at bargain prices, were mostly run by the Associations of the Precious Blood parish. The games gallery was well attended and lucky winners went away with attractive prizes.

Rover Scouts of the 17th Kowloon Group and members of the Social Service Club, Reed Hall, were on duty at the Bazaar, which remained open until 11 p.m.

Two Weddings At Registry

The wedding took place on Saturday, at the Registry, Supreme Court, before Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, or Mr. Choy Ho-chuen, student, of No. 68, Queen's Road East, and Miss Wong Moon-yung, of No. 47, Queen's Road East.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiated at the marriage between Mr. John Edward Manslow, printer of the Merchant Navy, residing at No. 13, Hillwood Road, Kowloon, and Mrs. Dora K. Kovach, of No. 7, Bowen Road, Flat 4, which took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, on Saturday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:

Mr. Philip Hin Wing Shiu, manager of the Wing Co., of No. 105, Belcher's Street, and Miss Ahnli Yung, of No. 12, First Lane, Tai Hang, Causeway Bay.

Mr. David Chung, principal of the Institute of Agricultural Association, residing at the Agricultural Institute of Fanling, and Miss Nancy Chang, of No. 3 Rue Nova Guia, Macao.

Compulsory Service Tribunal

It is hereby notified for general information that a public session of the Compulsory Service Tribunal will be held on Friday, Dec. 20, 1940, at 4 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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The tenders to state the total amount (in pounds sterling). No telegraphic transfer will be made for less than £100, but tenders for sums above that amount to suit the convenience of the tenderers will be considered.

The tenders to be in duplicate, and in sealed covers, addressed to the Treasury Chest Officer, Command Pay Office, and endorsed "Tenders for Government Bills, etc."

The right is reserved (1) to accept or reject any or all of the tenders, and, in particular (2) in case of equality of rate between tenders amounting in all to more than the total sum required, to give preference to any tenders received from Government institutions or from the bankers to the Treasury Chest.

Copies of Forms of Tender can be had on application.

Persons tendering for (Bills) are hereby notified that having regard to the provisions of the Acts 22 George III Cap. 45 and 41 George III Cap. 52 the acceptance of any such Tender is subject to the express condition that no Member of the British House of Commons shall be admitted to any share or part in or to any benefit to arise from the Contract thereby made for the allotment of such (Bills)."

The provisions in question do not apply to Contracts entered into by any incorporated Company in its corporate capacity and made for the general benefit of the Company."

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Colonel, R.A.P.C.
Treasury Chest Officer,
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stolen, and should this certificate
not be produced to the Bank
before the 11th January, 1941, a
new certificate for the shares will
be issued, and the aforesaid
Certificate No. 6/NS. 4412 will
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Corporation as Null and Void.

By Order of the Court
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V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

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ADVERTISEMENTS

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On instructions from the Underwriters, Tenders are invited for the Single Screw Motor Vessel "HOEGH TRANSPORTER" as she lies submerged in her damaged condition in Singapore Roads.

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MASS HYSTERIA
OF GERMANY

PSYCHOLOGISTS have for many years been trying to account for the marked form of hysteria which seems to be such an inherent characteristic of some continental races. In Germany, Italy and in the smaller Balkan states this tendency to mass hysteria is more pronounced than in other parts of Europe and this is all the more remarkable since there are races on the same continent who are naturally phlegmatic in their outlook on life and more inclined to permit common-sense and reason enter into their relations with their neighbours. The outbreak of the war in Europe, caused by the German invasion of Poland, can be traced to the nervous tension which had been created throughout Germany. In this condition, the minds of the people and their leaders were most receptive to imaginary persecutions which they believed were being directed against them and their compatriots in other parts of the continent. Despite the fact that definite proof was never furnished to support these stories of atrocities committed against their countrymen, the state of the German mind, brought to a high pitch of nervousness by the iron discipline and brutal methods of the Nazi regime, was easily swayed to think in the way it was wanted to think and to act in the way it was wanted to act. The outlet for these pent-up feelings of hysteria was provided by the plunder of Poland.

IN THE MIDST of this pillage and the screaming of shells and bombs, the pitch of hysteria having found its outlet, proceeded to new heights of outbursts against the rest of the world. Impassioned harangues about Lebensraum and the illusory goal of world domination goaded the soldier and the civilian alike to hysterical frenzy. The calm and dispassionate voice of reason

QUIET WEDDING
AT ST. JOHN'S

Butterworth—Gomes

A quiet wedding was solemnised at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday morning between Miss Constance Gomes, daughter of Mr. Ramas Alexis Gomes and the late Mrs. Gomes of 381 Nathan Road Kowloon, to Lance Corporal John Butterworth, Royal Scots, of Murray Barrack.

The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. J. L. Wilson, Dean of the Cathedral.

The bride looked charming in a white satin frock and wore a halo hat and carried blue accessories.

Mr. D. I. Dawson will address the Hongkong Rotary Club tomorrow on "Some Thoughts of an Amateur Economist." At the following meeting of the Club on Tuesday, Dec. 24, Mr. W. Brown will speak on "A Visit to Samoa." The address will be illustrated with lantern slides.

found no place in their feelings and they were all borne on the road of power-politics so effectively wielded by the man, who, they had been led to believe, would deliver them from the so-called countless oppressions which were being imposed on them from outside and which would engulf them, if they did not rise up and stamp out those who were trying to rob them of their national rights and claims to mastery of the whole universe! The very audacity and brutality with which this mass hysteria was used to serve the purpose of the leaders who hoped to attain power and glory for themselves took even the peaceful-minded democratic nations by surprise. The time they took to realise that these hysterical outpourings were threatening to submerge their very existence gave the power-seeking fanatics an advantage and the forces of might surged forward in an orgy of murder, rape and pillage.

COUNTRIES fell before the advancing hordes, whose fevered thoughts made them imagine that nothing could stand in the way of their desires and that everyone should be brushed aside ruthlessly and wantonly in their march to power. Then came the obstacle which they could not surmount—the nation which they could not stamp down under the iron heel and which hysterical ravings left unmoved and unafraid—England and her Empire. Steadily and with reasoned prudence and determination, Britain prepared to stem the rush. The speeding up of these preparations was undertaken, not in a state of panic or nervousness, but with a calmness and spirit which has evoked admiration from Britain's sympathisers and caused confusion to her enemies. The obstacle of the British Empire still stands stronger than ever against brute force born of mass hysteria. As month succeeded month, the mailed fist of the German invader continued to beat fruitlessly against the bulk of British resolve and determination to defeat the evil influence which caused half a continent to lie under the Nazi yoke. The hysteria of Britain's enemies for plunder and robbery has turned into a hysteria of dread for the future as slowly, but surely, the forces of might are being broken of their ruthlessness. This very same unnatural condition which the leaders of Totalitarianism have so encouraged amongst their people will prove their own downfall, when the people whom they led into this state realise how they have been deceived.

EDITORIAL

NEWSSETTES

Mr. Eric M. Bryden resumed his appointment as a member of the Board of War Taxation on Dec. 11.

Miss Edna Sabina Atkins has been appointed to be a member of the Board of Education for a further period of two years, with effect from Dec. 16.

Mr. C. A. Owen has been appointed to be Acting Sub-Lieutenant in the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force, with effect from Nov. 25.

The following have been permitted to quit the Hongkong Defence Reserve: Mr. F. F. Flether, Mr. J. W. Alabaster and Mr. W. R. Mansfield.

A journalism course sponsored by the Hongkong Young Journalists' Union will reopen on Jan. 15. Enrollment for entrance to this Course has been begun.

The Government Notifications declaring Canton and Shanghai to be places at which an infectious or contagious disease, namely cholera, prevailed have been rescinded.

Mr. R. D. Gillespie has been appointed to be a member of the Volunteer Advisory Committee in place of Mr. H. V. Wilkinson D.S.O., with effect from Dec. 4.

The name of Dr. John H. M. Chen, M.B. B.S., Hongkong, has been added to the Register of Medical Practitioners entitled to practice medicine in the Colony.

The number of emigrants who left the Colony for the Straits Settlements during November was 3,027.

Mr. F. A. Xavier has been recognised, provisionally and pending instructions from the Secretary of State, for the Colonies, as Honorary Consul for Mexico at Hongkong.

Mr. Harold Barrett has been reassigned from the General Group for Essential Services to the Key Posts Group in the Hongkong Defense Reserve.

Mr. L. J. Daviea has been appointed to be a member of the Committee to administer the Merchant Marine Assistance Fund of Hongkong, vice Mr. H. V. Wilkinson, D.S.O., with effect from Dec. 9.

The following have been enrolled in and belong to the Hongkong Defence Reserve (B): Mr. V. H. Freeman, Mr. F. E. Lawrence, Mr. P. B. Allam, Mr. R. Dorner, Mr. G. F. Jeavons, Mr. E. L. Powell and Mr. Matthew Scott.

It is learned from educational circles that exemption from military training imposed on graduates of those Middle Schools and Colleges which reopened in Macao and Hongkong following the fall of Canton, has been granted by the Chungking authorities on account of the prevailing circumstances.

Charity
Concert

An entertaining variety programme was presented by the Hongkong English Forum in its "Third Annual Family Show" at the auditorium of the Chinese Y.W.C.A. on Saturday night.

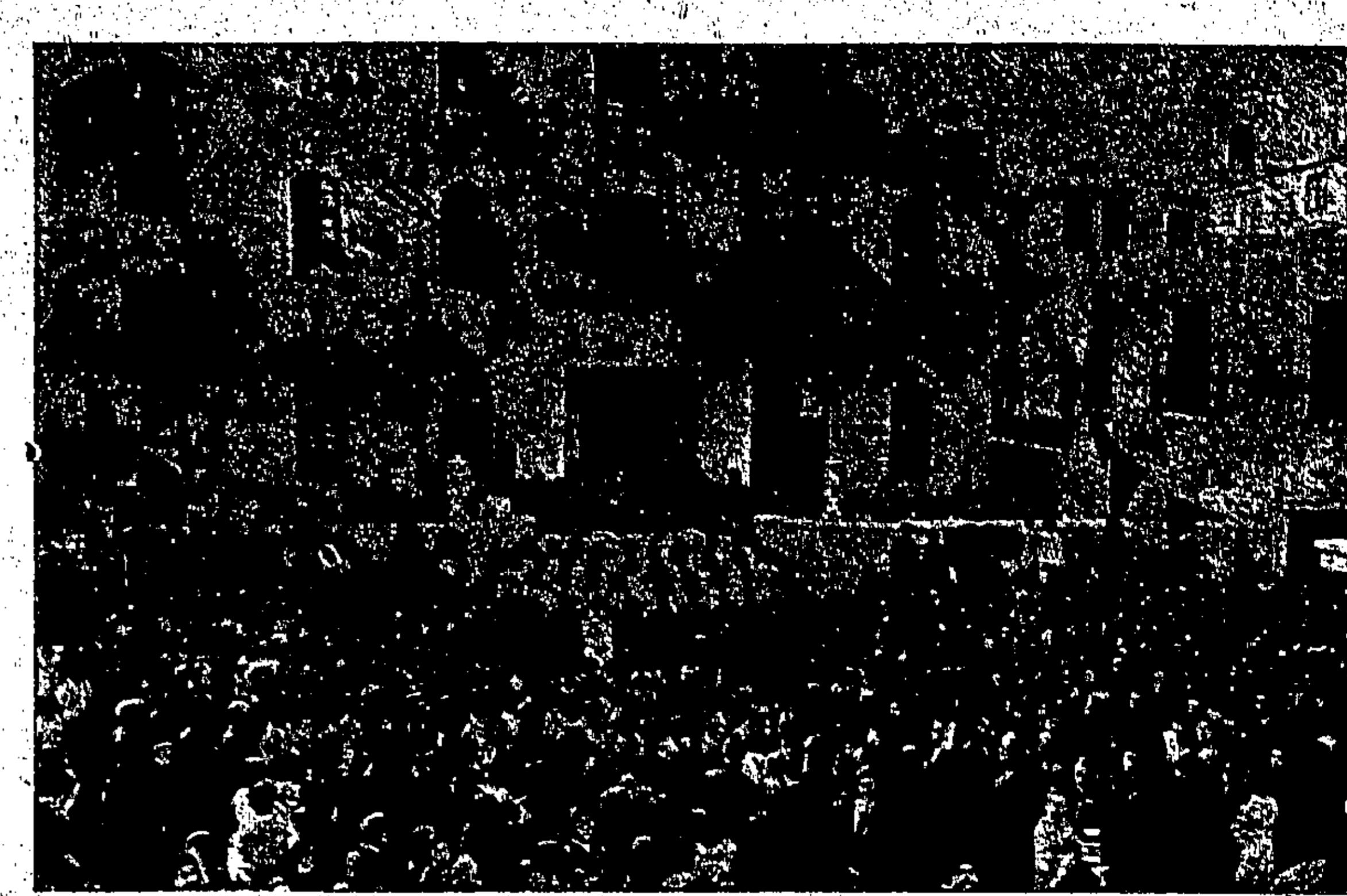
Highlights of the programme were two beautiful vocal solos rendered by Miss Elsie Yuen, English as it was spoken by people of different nationalities presented by Mr. V. V. Kolatchoff, and Sarawak dance by Mr. J. W. Reeves.

The surprise of the evening was contributed by one of the audience, Mr. Y. K. Sze. A talented bass soloist from Shanghai, he kindly consented to sing two selections after being discovered in the crowd. Miss Elsie Yuen was the accompanist.

The last item on the programme was an one-act comedy-play, "Gone With The Gorilla," which was arranged by one of the Forum members. Actors in the play were Messrs. Cecil Wing Lee, Bill Quon, Tommy Young, Robert Chan, David Lo and Cheung Kwok Leung.

Mr. Mau Chi-wai, President of the Forum, thanked the audience and those who helped to make the evening a success, and said that the proceeds of the show would go in aid of the Y.W.C.A. War Charity Fund.

Mr. James Poole was Master of Ceremonies.



Picture taken at the inauguration of the new Kowloon City Baptist Church, Stirling Road by His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lt.-Gen. E. F. Norton, on Saturday afternoon.—(King's Studio).

13-YEAR-OLD FILM STAR IN H.K.

Sybil Jason Interviewed
By Daily Press

A VERY MUCH THRILLED PASSENGER ABOARD THE S. S. PRESIDENT JACKSON, ON HER MAIDEN VOYAGE ROUND THE WORLD, IS LITTLE MISS SYBIL JASON, 13-YEAR-OLD MOVIE STAR WHO IS ON HER WAY HOME WITH HER SISTER, ANITA, TO CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.

Sybil Jason left Cape Town a little more than seven years ago for London, where she appeared in two pictures, quite an experience at five years of age, though she had made her first appearance on the stage at the tremendous age of one!

FROM LONDON, SHE MOVED ON TO HOLLYWOOD AND STAYED THERE MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS. In all this time she has not been home to Cape Town and has not been with her family in 7½ years.

Sybil told a Hongkong Daily Press reporter yesterday that she was looking forward to seeing Cape Town again, and especially to meeting her father and mother.

LIKES HOLLYWOOD

She likes Hollywood and wants very much to return. In her screen career, five years under contract to Warner Brothers and two years to 20th-Century Fox, she has appeared in some 30 pictures in all. In her last two years, she worked with Shirley Temple and appeared with her in "The Little Princess", shown locally some time ago, and in Maurice Maeterlinck's "The Blue Bird" which is to be shown at the King's Theatre soon as a holiday attraction.

The picture is all in technicolour and Sybil plays the part of the Little Crippled Girl.

On the screen, Sybil has been "mothered" by a number of the leading actresses. She has played daughter roles to Kay Francis on four occasions, and, on three occasions to Frieda Inescort, who may be seen on the screen locally in the film "Pride and Prejudice", in which she takes the part of Mrs. Bingley.

HER FAVOURITE STARS

Asked who her favourite actress was, Miss Jason expressed the opinion that few could hold a candle to Miss Betty Davis, whom she considers the greatest actress on the screen to-day and refers to privately as "The Queen".

Sybil is very fond of nicknames and has one for every steward on the President Jackson. One she affectionately calls "Dimples", short for Dimples, while another has to labour on under the name "Snake-eyes." However, it is a point for conjecture as to whether the gentleman is acquainted with the pseudonym Miss Jason has adopted for him.

There is no hero like Errol Flynn, is another Sybil Jason opinion, but Mr. Flynn cannot attempt to surpass Spencer Tracy as an actor. Her great friends though, in Hollywood, were Shirley Temple and Jane Withers, Sybil said.

"We had lots of fun together," was how she summed it up. Another friend was "Bumbum", who turns out, is Bonita Granville of the "Little Tough Guys" series. Someone else left behind whom she worries about now and then is Mr. McFavish. He happens to be not a Scotman, but a Scot and a regular tall-wagger. If one can picture him from Miss Jason's enthusiasm in talking of him.

ABOUT HERSELF

She attended Beverly Hills High School in California. Sybil said, and that was lots more fun than attending a private school on the set. A favourite pastime of hers

EMPIRE DAY TO BE WORKING DAY

A Bill has been drafted to amend the Holidays Ordinance states the Government Gazette.

The object of the Bill is to preserve Empire Day as a holiday for Government schools, military schools and registered schools; but to restore it, unless it falls on a Sunday, as a working day for other educational establishments, public offices and Government departments.

Hitherto, it is pointed out Empire Day has been a statutory holiday to be observed by educational establishments, public offices and Government Departments. It is not, however, a bank holiday and as business houses usually follow the lead of the banks, it is in effect a holiday for public servants and not for the public generally.

It also proposes to abolish the general holiday on the first Monday in September and to substitute instead a general holiday on the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival day or if that day should be a Sunday then on the following day.

This arrangement will suit the local banks and business houses as the Festival is observed by Banks and business houses in Shanghai whilst the first Monday in September is not. It is a lunar festival which during the next ten years will fall on various dates between September 10 and October 6, it is pointed out.

Mr. Choy Hing in his presidential address.

The following officers and standing committee members were re-elected en bloc: President: Mr. Choy Hing; Vice-Presidents: Meagre Gock Chin, Choy Chang; Harr and William Elson Lee; Secretaries: Mrs. Irene Law and Mr. Cock Young; Treasurer: Mr. Au Chin.

Standing Committee: The above officers and Mrs. Alice Chow, Messrs. Sun Yat-chor, Chan Wah-man, Chan Kwan-lok, W. J. Liu (in absentia), Ping Yu and Chan Wah-tung.

HERR HITLER'S DREAM

There's a story now current, though strange it may seem, Of the great Adolf Hitler and his wonderful dream. Being tired of his exploits he laid down in bed And amongst other things he dreamt he was dead. And in a fine coffin was lying in-state. With a guard of brave POLES who mourned for his fate. He wasn't long dead when he found to his cost That his soul, like his soldiers, had gone to be lost. On leaving the earth to Heaven he went straight And arriving up there gave a knock at the gate. But St. Peter looked out and in a voice loud and clear Said, "Scram, Adolf Hitler. You can't come in here." "Well," said Adolf, "that's very uncivil." I suppose after this I must go to the devil." So he turned on his heel and off he did go. At the top of his speed to the regions below. Bi, when he got there was full of dismay. For while waiting outside he heard Old Nick say To his lumps: "Now look here, boys, I give you a warning! I'm expecting Hitler here in the morning." But don't let him in, for to me it's quite clear. He's a very bad man, so we don't want him here. If once he gets in, there'll be no end of quarrels. In fact, I'm afraid he'll corrupt our good morals." "O Satan, dear friend," Adolf then cried, "Excuse me for listening while waiting outside. If you don't let me in, where can I go?" "Indeed," said the Devil, "how should I know?" "O, do let me in, I am feeling quite cold." Said Hitler, quite anxious to enter Nick's fold. "Let me sit in a corner, no matter how hot." "No," said the Devil. "Most certainly not. We do not admit people for riches or help." Here's Sulphur and Matches, make hell for yourself!" Then kicked Adolf out and vanished in smoke. And just at that moment Hitler awoke. He jumped out of bed in a shivering sweat. And said, "Well, that's a dream I shall never forget. That I can't go to Heaven I know damn well. But I'm a bugger to be kicked out of Hell!!!

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FORMER S.M.C. CHAIRMAN TELLS OF SHANGHAI'S IMPORTANT ROLE IN EVENT OF WAR SPREADING TO FAR EAST

Should there be war between the United States and Japan, it would be in the best interests of the Japanese to neutralise the International Settlement in Shanghai, so it could still play the very important role of clearing house to the foreign trade of Nippon.

This opinion was expressed not^{stand} for re-election to the S.M.C. this April.

On board the President Jackson, by which ship he arrived here yesterday morning, was an elected member to the Shanghai Municipal Council, Mr. N. F. Aliman.

ON HOLIDAY

Accompanied by his wife, Mr. Franklin is on a short holiday trip here. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin are on the passenger list of the President Jackson on her maiden voyage round the world, though they are travelling only a short "leg" of the journey.

His intention, Mr. Franklin said, was to fly from here to Chungking on business, but he had since learned that it was not necessary to make the visit he had intended and he will be returning to Shanghai on Wednesday. This afternoon, he hopes to engage in an unofficial Interport Polo match between a Shanghai team and Hongkong.

The probable composition of the Shanghai team, should the game be played at Boundary Street this afternoon, will be:—L. K. Taylor, No. 4; N. F. Aliman, No. 3; C. S. Franklin, No. 2; and L. A. Lewis, No. 1.

Mr. Aliman intends to stay here some 10 days, when he will also be returning to Shanghai. He expressed interest in a report from Shanghai yesterday that the Japanese had decided to lift their three weeks' blockade of the western district, adjacent to International Settlement and French Concession there.

SHANGHAI NORMAL Speaking also about Shanghai, Mr. Franklin said that the city had been carrying on quite normally at the times when he left other than for the Japanese blockade of the western district. This, he understood, was lifted on Saturday.

The State Department's advice with regard to the evacuation of American women and children from the Far East he considered to be a sound stop, especially in respect of those American citizens who had no urgent reason to remain here.

He was of the opinion that the United States was prepared to go to war in the Far East, though he doubted very much that there would be any such war.

The advice regarding evacuation from the State Department he would not interpret as anything more than advice, and was not letting it affect his own family. Of his family, only his married daughter, Mrs. Fielden, had left for the U.S.

Mr. Fielden is connected with the British-American Tobacco Company, one of the American firms in the Far East who have advised members of their staffs to evacuate their families home. Mrs. Franklin, her other daughter and seven-year-old son are staying on in Shanghai.

SHOULD WAR COME

Should the European war come to Shanghai, there would, of course, be many unpleasant restrictions to be endured there by the foreign populace, but he thought that these would hardly be more unpleasant than some of the things Shanghailanders have already had to endure in Shanghai's worse days since the advent of Sino-Japanese hostilities.

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DEATH OF FR. KNOOSHETZ

BELGRADE, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—The death is announced here of ex-Premier Father Knoshetz. He was regarded as one of the strongest supporters of the Axis in Yugoslavia and it is thought that his death would have important political repercussions.

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Possibility That Germany May Occupy Italy

The possibility that Germany may occupy Italy is given in a Turkish paper, in an article headed "The Fate of Fascism," states a London message.

A German thrust towards Trieste may now be one of the realisations of an unexpectedly magnificent dream, says the paper, which adds that many hundreds of German officers and Gestapo agents have arrived in Italy to stiffen the Italian morale.

Large numbers of Nazi troops are being concentrated in South-Western Germany and Austria, according to information reaching DAILY NEWS, which stated that they have been smuggled out of Germany, says Reuter.

The report adds that Hitler has perfected a plan for a sudden drive into Northern

DUTCH YOUTHS SENTENCED

TOKYO, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—Two Dutch youths sentenced to two weeks' imprisonment in a Police Court trial on Friday upon conviction of having spread anti-Japanese handbills in Bandung on Dec. 1, were released immediately after, says a Japanese report from Batavia.

One of them completed his sentence during detention pending trial, while the other was given two years' probation. Both youths were strongly cautioned by the Judge against a repetition of their activities, the report adds.

Explanation Of Italian Defeat

The Italian Government, which has been trying to prepare the Italian people for the bad news, has now sought to give an explanation for their defeat in the Western Desert.

A Rome broadcast told the people yesterday that the British victory was due to British superiority in mechanised forces and also to the surprise nature of the attack.

An excuse for this is given that on Dec. 9, weather conditions were so bad that air observation was difficult.

The broadcast assured the people that the Italian troops were still resisting, but asked them not to be too optimistic of results.

POSITION SERIOUS

"We do not deny the fact that the position is serious," said the broadcast, "but we deny that it is catastrophic." Referring to the question of how the British were able to take the offensive, the broadcast says: "Someone may ask whether we were not told that Britain was exhausted and hard pressed and approaching collapse? Was this not true?"

"Yes, it was true, but only in a certain sense, and within certain limits."

The factor which had been left out of the Italian picture previously was the British Empire and the explanation now given is that the whole of the British Empire, with its vast resources, had been hurled bodily against Italy. "We must not close our eyes to realities," declared this broadcast.

General Romano, writing in an Italian paper, is more frank about the situation. He says: The chances of Germany defeating England are practically nil. Herr Hitler is possibly ready to sacrifice half a million men for this, but this cannot be successful unless the British Navy and the British Air Force are overwhelmed.

The German spokesman at the Foreign Office, who was questioned about this report, said he knew nothing about it, added the message from London.

NO TEARS WILL BE SHED

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"We do not know what was the cause of his disgrace, but the rift between him and the old Marshal must have been something big and fundamental. Whether the substitution of M. Flandin for M. Laval will change the Vichy policy it is difficult to speculate.

"M. Laval, we know, made all the running in the policy of collaboration with Germany. It was he who dragged Marshal Petain to meet Herr Hitler and subsequently M. Laval complained that there were certain people who were not co-operating in his plans or rapprochement with Germany.

"In his anti-British ardour, M. Laval was prepared to co-operate more extensively with Germany than others thought it wise. It was he who controlled the press to give it an anti-British flavour. It is certain that he was subservient to Germany in his whole attitude.

"In a sense, M. Laval may now be the scapegoat for the discontent in France and it will be interesting to see whether Vichy will be able to stand up better to Germany than Laval did. We must wait and see."

GARRISON BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT

The following games in the Garrison Billiards Tournament are down for decision today:

Forrest, R.E. v. C.M. Police; RAMC v. R.A.S.C.; RAOC v. 5th A.A.; 2 Royal Scots v. R.A.P.C.

CABLE

"BULLS" BY BRITISH BOMBERS

VITAL JUNCTION IN NAZI CANAL SYSTEM IS PRACTICALLY USELESS

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—The famous DORTMUND-EMS CANAL a vital junction in the German canal system is unrecognisable and practically useless, as a result of "bulls" scored by the R.A.F. during more than 30 raids.

It was learned in London yesterday that 53 attacks have been made on rail targets centred on Berlin in the course of 35 raids on the German capital.

HAMM, a marshalling yard

centre for transport services to German troops in the occupied territories, has been visited on no less than 85 occasions.

An attack on nearly every other night since October has been made on LORIENT and the dock area which the Germans are using as a submarine base has been plastered with bombs.

Sixty raids on COLOGNE resulted in the destruction of industrial works, munition factories and oil plants. There have been over 30 attacks on ROTTERDAM in addition to 20 concentrated attacks on the Rotterdam aerodrome at WALLHAVEN.

36 VISITS FROM R.A.F.

ESSEN has had 36 visits from the R.A.F. GELSENKIRCHEN 40 and BREMEN over 50. British bombers have swept over the Channel ports, now in German hands almost every night. DUN-KIRK has been attacked 40 times, while there has been 60 raids on BOULOGNE and 50 on CALAIS.

Apart from these terrific exertions, the R.A.F. is playing an invaluable part in the Middle East conflict and no effort has been spared in helping the Greeks.

The Libyan harbour of TOBRUK has been bombed 43 times and 14 raids have been made on TURIN.

BREST ATTACKED

Small formations of British bombers attacked Brest and Lorient on Saturday, states a London message. These ports are being used by the Germans as submarine bases.

British aircraft also made three raids on Naples, where a small naval vessel was reported to have been damaged. British planes were also reported to have bombed objectives in Eritrea.

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 76 and the minimum 63.

Total rainfall since Jan. 1 is 117.59 inches against an average of 84.60.

The Royal Observatory reports:

"A moderate anti-cyclone is developing over Mongolia and Manchuria; pressure continues to be low in the Pacific, to the east of the Visayas.

ARTILLERY SHELLING HELL FIRE PASS

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The Italians are making a desperate stand in an endeavour to prevent the British Imperial forces from sweeping them off Egyptian soil altogether but the morale of all ranks of the Imperial forces is tremendous and Marshal Graziani's task will be a grim one.

The incredible speed of the British advance, placing mechanised forces some miles from the rail head, having covered many miles in five days, makes it difficult for reports of the operations to be received rapidly and the latest news is always being outstripped by events.

The sixth day of this great desert battle finds the fiercest fighting in progress in the neighbourhoof of the Egyptian-Libyan frontier—proof that the British drive to the west is being carried on with full momentum.

The Italians, in their effort to stop the retreat, are putting up stubborn resistance against British advanced mechanised columns.

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—The Italian discomfiture in Libya will have resounding effects throughout the Muslim world, where pro-Zero rule above everything else, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

Relief and joy have already been seen in Egypt which knows that the country is now safe from the possibility of an Italian invasion.

More difficult to estimate are the consequences of a British victory in North Africa.

The position of the Italian armistice commissions operating in

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JAPAN FACING ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CRISIS

MOSCOW, Dec. 15 (Central)—Japan is facing a serious crisis both economically and politically and the present Konoye-Hiranuma coalition is only a temporary expedient and is not likely to last long, said the RED STAR, the Soviet Army organ, in a lengthy article reviewing the present international situation. In part the article reads:

"Japan's war on China has been extremely costly. During the past three and a half years Japan has expended a grand total of Yen 16,000,000,000, which has precipitated the present serious economic crisis in the country resulting in the mounting increase of the national debt and the near exhaustion of the specie."

"If Japan is prepared to carry on prolonged hostilities in China and to embark upon her southward expansion programme, it is imperative that she must thoroughly reform her economic structure and internal policy."

CONTROL OPPOSITION

The Konoye Cabinet at present

is trying to carry out the plan for the complete control of industry.

This, however, has aroused

the opposition of not only the

business interests but also a section

of the Diet and other influential

leaders such as Gen. Sadao Araki

and Lessi Uchida. The conflict

between the Cabinet and its op-

ponents is becoming more and

more acute.

The inclusion of Baron Hir-

anuma into the Cabinet is generally

believed to be an attempt on the

part of the Government to solve

the present political crisis and a

concession to the rightist elements.

The Japanese press expresses the

view that the Konoye-Hiranuma

coalition is likely to produce sig-

nificant changes in Japan's internal

politics but considers that it is

only a temporary compromise and

can hardly be maintained for

long."

NANNING RECOVERY

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December 12, the Chinese inflicted

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inese and Japanese units northwest

of Kaocheng, near the Hoepel bor-

der, resulting in the defeat of the

enemy. Four Japanese military

lorries were destroyed.

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RACE MEETING RESULTS

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Emergency Unit	281	333
Eve of Hunting	133	121
Jane Doe	559	486
Just In Time	63	123
Lowly Star	84	114
Potentate	421	517
Raff Roy	782	809
Royal Wedding Eve	22	170
Scenic View	10	30
Taxing Master	2041	2671
	5590	6714

RACE THREE

Double Finesse led the field from the start to the straight, hotly pursued by Australian Prince and Devonian, with Criffel and Tornado Star following.

At the incline Australian Prince attempted to overtake the leader with the result that it faded out of the running when the home stretch was reached.

When opposite the public stands Criffel spurred and drew level with Devonian. Vixen Tor, coming in from the outside, passed Devonian when opposite the weighing rooms but was beaten by a short head, to the post by Criffel the then-leader.

Tornado Star was fourth.

3.10 p.m.—Dilatory Handicap (One Mile)

Mr. John Peel's Criffel, 137 lbs. (Mr. D. Black) 1
Mr. G. Tinson's Vixen Tor, 142 lbs. (Mr. W. H. S. Davis) 2
Lady Northcote's Devonian, 133 lbs. (Mr. G. Trevorton) 3
Won by a short head, two lengths between second and third.
Time: 1:45.

Pari Mutual:

Winner: \$15.00.

Places: \$5.40; \$5.76; \$5.40.

Also ran—Australian Prince 136 lbs (S. W. Pan); Double Finesse 144 lbs (P. P. Botelho); Tornado Star 157 lbs (H. S. Craven).

Betting

	Win.	Place
Australian Prince	323	218
Criffel	1789	1648
Devonian	1886	1828
Double Finesse	138	151
Tornado Star	1056	718
Vixen Tor	888	1007
	6079	5570

RACE FOUR

Eve of Harvest took the lead from the rise of the gate, followed by Craigavon, and Confusion Bay to the first time up the incline when Confusion Bay went up to second position.

On passing the Rock for the first time Eve of Harvest was still leading with Confusion Bay second, and Burford strongly coming up from the outside.

Passing the Rock the second time, the leader faded out.

Eve of Harvest took the lead followed by Burford and O-Lan which was left badly at the start.

This order was maintained up to the winning post.

Craigavon was fourth.

4.30 p.m.—Hongkong Autumn Champions

(One and a Quarter Miles)

Mr. T. K. L's Confusion Bay, 181 lbs (Mr. N. L. Sung) 1
Mr. Quartermaster's Burford, 161 lbs (Mr. D. Black) 2
Mr. T. K. L's O-Lan, 158 lbs (Mr. V. V. Needa) 3
Won by a head, half a length between second and third.

Time: 2.10.4 (Record).

Pari Mutual:

Winner: \$47.20.

Places: \$18.40; \$12.00.

Also ran—Craggyard, 161 lbs (P. P. Botelho); Eve of Harvest, 158 lbs (W. H. S. Craven).

Betting

	Win.	Place
Burford	2453	601
Confusion Bay	677	289
Craigavon	310	201
Eve of Harvest	2818	1249
O-Lan	889	565
	7742	2905

RACE FIVE

Don Black rode a very well judged race when he brought Warrego River in a length and a half in front of Bredon.

Winne took the lead followed by Cocklerol and Annabella with Warrego River second from the tail-end.

On passing the Rock, Annabella took second position with Bredon third and Cocklerol fourth.

Coming into the straight Annabella was passed by both Bredon and Cocklerol with Warrego River coming up strongly.

At the stands Warrego River overtook the leaders and ran in winning a length and a half ahead of Bredon with Cocklerol another length behind. Bruno was fourth.

5.10 p.m.—Laggard's Handicap (One Mile)

Mr. Grednicka's Warrego River, 149 lbs (Mr. D. Black) 1
Mr. G. Tinson's Bredon, 142 lbs (Mr. T. W. Chatley) 2
Mr. Nevin's Cocklerol, 158 lbs (Mr. W. K. Yip) 3
Won by a length and a half, a

length between second and third.		
Time: 1:48.3.		
Pari Mutual:		
Winner: \$9.10.		
Places: \$5.70; \$10.10; \$7.20.		
Also ran—A Green Time 141 lbs (H. Y. T. Wei); Annabella 150 (G. Trevorton); Bruno 158 (G. Trevorton); Winnie 151 (L. B. Chao).		
Betting		
Win. Place		
A Green Time	384	329
Annabella	251	329
Bredon	168	338
Bruno	439	519
Cocklerol	1612	924
Warrego River	3881	2790
Winnie	857	666
	7582	6004

RACE SIX

There was never any doubt as to the result of this race for, jumping off to a good start, Sapper led all the way to the winning post.

Viceroy which was second up to the Rock was displaced by Baffin Bay, the only other starter, when the Rock was passed.

When within 100 yards of the winning post Baffin Bay made a strong challenge but was beaten by the post by a length, with Viceroy a short head behind.

6.40 p.m.—Queensland Autumn Champions (One and a Quarter Miles)

Mrs. A. E. Grasset's Sapper, 155 lbs (Mr. W. H. S. Davis) 1
Mr. T. K. L's Baffin Bay, 155 lbs (Mr. V. V. Needa) 2
Mr. Vilaja's Viceroy, 155 lbs (Mr. D. Black) 3

Won by a length, a short head between second and third.

Time: 2.18.4.

Pari Mutual:

Winner: \$6.40.

Places: \$6.10.

Betting	Win.	Place
Baffin Bay	618	84
Sapper	2904	455
Viceroy	673	88
	4195	627

RACE SEVEN

Colorado Star took the lead followed by Surprise Again and Sea Urchin.

At the Rock Sea Urchin went up to second place and enjoyed a short-lived lead from the village bend to the straight after which it dropped out of the running.

Surprise Again and Roofly were running neck-to-neck at the distance post when Quick Despatch came up strongly from the outside to take the lead.

Quick Despatch was first, Roofly second, Surprise Again, and Colorado Star fourth.

7.50 p.m.—Laggards' Handicap (One Mile)

Mr. Kwok Hin Wang's Quick Despatch 160 lbs (Mr. D. Black) 1
Mr. Ellandee's Roofly, 165 lbs (Mr. V. V. Needa) 2

Mr. G. Sewell's Surprise Again, 151 lbs (Mr. L. B. Chao) 3
Won by a length, half a length between second and third.

Time: 1:48.1.

Pari Mutual:

Winner: \$10.20.

Places: \$5.60; \$7.20; \$5.70.

Also ran—Amber II 160 lbs (S. W. Pan); Colorado Star 138 (W. H. S. Davis); Dick Turpin 143 (F. Y. T. Wei); Forchard Drive 140 (T. W. Chatley); Lovely Kid 130 (F. A. Sequiera); Rising Star 163 (B. L. Tao); Sea Urchin 135 (D. H. S. Craven).

Betting	Win.	Place
Amber II	133	180
Colorado Star	299	329
Dick Turpin	424	350
Forchard Drive	19	32
London	656	680
Lovely Kid	19	51
Quick Despatch	2573	3142
Rising Star	978	551
Roofly	1488	1106
Sea Urchin	108	177
Surprise Again	568	571
	8298	7260

RACE EIGHT

After leading all the way from the starting gate to the distance post, Sunlight View faded completely out of the picture.

Jack O'Lantern, with Don Black up, which was contented to follow Sunlight View, then took the lead and maintained it to the winning post.

Salvage Master and Piet Hein both made a final challenge to the leader. At the members' stands Salvage Master spurred to run in second, a length behind Jack O'Lantern. Piet Hein was third a length behind Salvage Master, while The Leopard was fourth.

8.30 p.m.—Finals Handicap (One Mile)

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NARROW WIN FOR ROUND THE POLICE COURTS SING TAO

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beaten all the way. A Leonard and Cruz both missed opportunity of drawing level and it was only through the brilliant play of Lee Tin-sang and Hau Yung-sang that gave Sing Tao both points.

Cruz at outside-right, played a very much improved game, while Annabella at inside-right, was the most outstanding player in the forward line. The mainstay of the Saints' team was however, the halfbacks, with Fernandes a tower of strength to the opposing forwards. D. Leonard and Hussain full backs, were rather shaky under pressure but settled down later.

Notable absentees from the Sing Tao team were Leung Wing-chiu, Chu Ah-fai and Cheung Wing-choi, while the Saints were without the services of C. Santos, who is at present in Macao.

SING TAO—Chee Shu-hang; Hau Yung-sang; Lee Tin-sang; Sim Yau-sang; Soong Ling-sing; Luk Tat-hang; Tang Kwong-sum; Fung King-cheong; Kwok Ying-kee; Lai Shu-wing and Lau Tau-man.

ST. JOSEPH'S—S. Tsang; A. J. Hussain; D. Leonard; W. Maher; G. Fernandes; Lau Wing-kwong; S. Cruz; J. Gomes; Man Chee-keet; Macdonald and A. Leonard.

DULL ENCOUNTER

In a very dull Second Division encounter, Sing Tao and 30th R.A. drew each side scoring two goals on the Club ground

Finance and Commerce

MEAT RATIONS TO BE CUT

Lord Woolton Warns Against Hoarding

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter) — "We shall have to live more simply and deliberately in the future," warns Lord Woolton, the Minister of Food.

"I would remind the public that it is against the law to hoard and if I find any hoarders I will deal with them remorselessly, ruthlessly—and with intense pleasure!"

The Ministry of Food announces that in the next few days there is a possibility that in certain parts of the country the meat supplies might be less than usual.

There is a possible shortage owing to transport difficulties in these areas, and the need to use imported meat from reserve stocks to make up for the lack of home-killed meat.

All possible steps, including the provision of adequate transport, will be carried out to meet the circumstances.

Proposed Rationing Of Tobacco Denied

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter) — The Tobacco Controller denies that there are any proposals for the rationing of tobacco and cigarettes in Britain.

He had heard complaints about

JAPANESE WANT INDO-CHINA RICE

Demand Presented To Hanoi Govt.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 15 (Reuter) — The Japanese have demanded that the Indo-China authorities prohibit the shipment of Saigon rice to Lungchow (Kwangsi), according to a Hanoi report to the Shanghai Sin Wen Pao yesterday.

Whether this included the shipment of rice from Indo-China to other "Free China" areas is still unknown.

Motive of this Japanese demand, the report states, is believed to be due to a desire to secure all supplies of rice from Indo-China for Japanese demands.

Current reports that the Japanese are trying to secure supplies of rice in Indo-China appear to have been partially confirmed, as the French authorities have now issued an order prohibiting rice to be exported to Kwangchowwan.

U.S. DEFENCE PRODUCTION

STRONG APPEAL TO INDUSTRIALISTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (Reuter) — A speed-up in America's defence production was urged yesterday by Mr. William Knudsen, Defence Commissioner, in an address to an audience that included America's leading industrialists.

Mr. Knudsen asserted that a speed-up in defence production was imperative, and disclosed that aircraft production in the United States was 30 per cent. behind production schedules prepared last July.

He contended that the weekend closing down of factories (which he referred to as a "black-out") tended to defeat production, and urged industrialists to "talk to your men and ask them what they think of a civilisation that drives women and children to live in cold wet holes in the ground."

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

December 14. A firm undertone with renewed enquiries rules the market at the close.

BUYERS

H.K. Banks, \$1,380. Bank of East Asia, \$74. Canton Ins., \$185. Wharves, \$92. Docks (Old), \$17.75. Providents, \$5.45. Hotels, \$3.45. Lands, \$33.50. Realities, \$3.70. Trams, \$17.50. Star Ferries, \$59.50. Electrics (Old), \$40. Electrics (New), \$39.50. Watsons, \$10.30. Entertainments, \$7. Constructions (Old), \$1.60.

SELLERS

Realities, \$3.95. Electrics (Old), \$40.50. Vibro Filing, \$7.70. SALES

Docks (Old), \$18.

Providents, \$5.50.

Lands, \$33.75.

Trams, \$17.65/70.

Cements, \$18.20.

Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross Fund

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter) — Over £4,000,000 has been subscribed so far to the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross Fund.

Some £200,000 from the "Red Cross Penny-a-week Fund" was handed over on Friday afternoon.

About £400,000 (£60,000,000 pennies) have so far been raised by wage-earners and small salary workers who are contributing a penny a week from their pay.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Dec. 15. Barometer (at sea level), 30.07 ins.

Temperature, 70 F.

Humidity, 77 per cent.

Wind Direction, E/N

Wind Force (Beaufort), 1.

Temperature: maximum yesterday, 75 F.

Temperature: minimum last night, 63 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10h today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 117.59 ins.

Against an average of, 84.60 ins.

Sunset tonight, 5.41 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 5.56 a.m.

4 p.m., Dec. 15.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.97 ins.

Temperature, 74 F.

Humidity, 65 per cent.

Wind Direction, SSW.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.

Maximum temperature, 74 F.

Minimum temperature, 63 F.

Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 15 to 22 Dec. 1940.

High Water

Low Water

Days of Week

Date Month

Hong Kong Standard Time

Height

Days of Week

Date Month

Hong Kong Standard Time

Height

FINANCE & GENERAL

WATCHERS OF THE SKIES

How The Observer Corps Aids The Fighter Pilots

LONDON.—Not so very long before war started the men who gave up some of their leisure time to watch and listen for aircraft were regarded as slightly eccentric, over-keen schoolboys whose refusal to grow up took the form of liking to "play at war." Their activities were smiled at with the superior tolerance of grown-ups for adolescent pastimes. Now the whole country has reason to be grateful for the foresight which these men displayed, for they have emerged as the eyes and ears of Britain's defences against air attacks.

Without the Observer Corps our fighters, anti-aircraft guns, searchlights, and balloons would be working largely in the dark; their counter-blows would be more or less guess-work.

Thanks to the existence of this splendid organisation no German aircraft can cross any part of our coast by day or night without being seen or heard, its direction and height known and its progress and activities reported from second to second. It may fly high or low, it may twist and turn and steer a crazy course, but always its presence remains known to the defence centres.

THREE BEGINNINGS

The idea existed in embryo towards the end of the last war, when men stood on high ground here and there in the areas which enemy aircraft were known to cross, b'nooculars" to their eyes. If an aeroplane approached they rang up the police station and reported it. But after the Armistice there followed a period in which it was regarded as almost indecent to think about the country's defence.

Little was done until 1922, when a few stalwarts got together under the leadership of Major-General E. B. Ashcroft, who had directed London's air defence during the last war. By 1925 the Observer Corps in its present form was under way. During the years of uneasy peace, when preparations for war were still frowned upon recruits for the Observer Corps were sworn in as special constables.

While people sneered, smiled, or ignored them, according to how they felt about things, the spotters put in hours of practice. By the Munich crisis week of September 1938, most of the posts could have been fully manned. A month before war broke out the Air Ministry gave the corps "official" recognition and took it under its wing.

It sanctioned payment of £1.30 a working hour for all volunteers. Most of the men did not take the money; they had volunteered out of a sense of duty and not to find themselves a war-time job. Many still do not accept payment, or if they do they devote the money to a Spitfire fund or some war charity.

Today there are between 1,000 and 2,000 special posts, covering Great Britain and Northern Ireland, manned by more than 40,000 trained watchers. These posts are in constant direct telephonic communication with area "centres, which in turn are linked, directly or indirectly, with the R.A.F. fighters, the anti-aircraft gun searchlights, balloons, police, and fire brigades. Each of the posts has been placed at a spot where the men can command an uninterrupted view for miles.

RAIDERS' ROUTES PLOTTED

Directly they see or hear an aeroplane they report to the centre its nationality, type, location, direction, and height, and they follow it until it is outside their area, by which time the centre is getting similar information from the next post. In this way the movements of our own aircraft are checked and the raiders' routes are plotted until they return home or are shot down.

The watchers also keep a lookout for fires, and report where bombs are dropped. Occasionally they give news of black-out offences, burglaries, or suspicious acts. Sometimes they report aerial battles and crashes, or tell the centre that airmen have baled out.

The scene at a centre suggests a giant game of halma. Most of the space is occupied by a table which is covered by a chart representing the whole of the area under the centre's control. The chart is sub-divided into hundreds of small numbered squares. Around the table sit a dozen men wearing headphones, each listening to three posts.

When a post reports the presence of an enemy aircraft a coloured counter is put into the appropriate square. As the aircraft moves, so the counter follows it. The "plotter," as they are

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HAMPERS

NO. 4 HAMPER

1 quart	Lanson Dry Champagne
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1 "	Pommard Burgundy
1 "	Sauterne White Wine
1 "	Gordon's Sloe Gin
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1 "	Gordon's Dry Gin
1 "	Courvoisier V. O. Brandy
1 "	Sandeman Brown Bang Sherry
1 "	Sandeman Partner Port
1 "	Sauterne White Wine
1 "	Pommard Burgundy
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special training. They wear civilian clothes, with an arm-band bearing the words "Observer Corps," and a black beret in which is pinned the corps badge. By a happy chance the badge illustrates the beacons lit at the time of the Spanish Armada, over which is the appropriate inscription "Forewarned is Forearmed."

WORK IN PAIRS

The men work in pairs. One of them wears headphones, with a mouthpiece strapped over his chest, and reports the movements of aircraft to the centre.

The other manipulates what is known as the plotter instrument, which stands on a tripod in the centre of the post. It consists of a round dial marked to correspond with a section of the big chart.

When the details of an aircraft have been obtained the information is handed on to the centre something like this: "Three Me 109s approaching Hendon at 12,000ft. Flying north-west," or "A large formation of Heinkel 111s overhead our post; height 16,000ft, heading due south."

Often the information concerns friendly aircraft, but reports are made just the same. At night the plotting is done by sound.

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	Bank Bills, on demand 1/4 7/8
Credits 4 months' sight	
On Shanghai:	
On demand	3/0
On Singapore:	52 3/4
On demand	52 1/2
On Japan:	
On demand	103 1/2
On India:	
Telegraphic Transfer,	32 1/2
and demand	32 1/2
On New York:	
Bank Bills, on demand 23 3/8	
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 1/4	
On Batavia:	
On demand	43 3/4
On Paris:	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	
On Saligon:	
On demand	101 1/2
On Manila:	
On demand	46 3/4
On Bangkok:	
On demand	148 1/2
On Sterling Notes:	
Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz.	32 7/8

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

December 14.
Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 22 7/8 for Ready and 22 15/16 for Forward. Silver advices reported the market as being steady but quiet. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 403-1/2.

MARKET

Quiet

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 Dec.

Jan., buyers at 1/3 1/32 Cash.

U.S. DOLLARS

Sellers for Cash at 23 11/16,

buyers bidding 23 3/4.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 401 1/2. Business was arranged at various rates, the market closing with sellers at 403, buyers at 403 1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Sterling opened with sellers at 323 32. Last advices indicated sellers at 345 64. U.S. Dollars sellers were quoted at 57 8/8 for Spot throughout the day.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 14 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

London Opening 0/3-11/16

New York 5-3/4

Japan 24-3/8

India 20-3/8 N

Hongkong 24-1-2

Sterling

Sellers

Opening Closing

Spot 0/3-23/32 0/3-45/64

Dec. 0/3-23/32 0/3-45/64

Jan. 0/3-45/64 0/3-11/16

U.S. Dollars

Spot 32-7/8 35-7/8

Dec. 8-7/8 5-7/8

Jan. 5-27/32 5-27/32

Market—Uncertain

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalisation rate was 214 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Dec. 14 (Reuter).

T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Dec. 14 (Reuter).

Govt. 31/2% Rupee, 34-0-0

SILVER MARKET

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Dec. 14 (Reuter).

Market—Steady. Oftake 50 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready 60-13

Dec. 27 Settlement 60-12

Jan. 22 Settlement 60-12

Market steady.

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 18 (Reuter).

Tin, Standard Cash, Middle

Price, £257-1/8

Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle

Price, £280-1/8

Market steady.

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 14, 1940.

	Previous	Dec. 14	Change
SINGAPORE RUBBER	Close	Opening	
S P O T	buyers	buyers	unch.
JAN-MARCH	33-5/8	33-3/4	33-5/8
APRIL-JUNE	33-1/8	33-1/4	33-1/4
	33-3/4	33-7/8	37

The market was quiet.

LONDON RUBBER	Previous close	Today's close	Change
S P O T	buyers	buyers	unch.
JANUARY	12-1/16	12-1/8	up 1/8
FEBRUARY	12-1/4	Market closed	
APRIL-JUNE	12-5/16	12-1/4	
JULY-SEPT.	12-1/4		

The market was quiet.

	Previous close	Today's close	Change
S P O T	buyers	buyers	unch.
JANUARY	12-1/8	12-1/8	
FEBRUARY	12-1/4	Market closed	
APRIL-JUNE	12-5/16	12-1/4	
JULY-SEPT.	12-1/4		

The market was quiet.

	Previous close	Today's close	Change
S P O T	buyers	buyers	unch.
JANUARY	12-1/8	12-1/8	
FEBRUARY	12-1/4	Market closed	
APRIL-JUNE	12-5/16	12-1/4	
JULY-SEPT.	12-1/4		

The market was quiet.

	Previous close	Today's close	Change
S P O T	buyers	buyers	unch.
JANUARY	12-1/8	12-1/8	
FEBRUARY	12-1/4	Market closed	
APRIL-JUNE	12-5/16	12-1/4	
JULY-SEPT.	12-1/4		

The market was quiet.

	Previous close	Today's close	Change
S P O T	buyers	buyers	unch.
JANUARY	12-1/8	12-1/8	
FEBRUARY	12-1/4	Market closed	
APRIL-JUNE	12-5/16	12-1/4	
JULY-SEPT.	12-1/4		

The market was quiet.

	Previous close	Today's close	Change
S P O T	buyers	buyers	unch.
JANUARY	12-1/8	12-1/8	
FEBRUARY	12-1/4	Market closed	
APRIL-JUNE	12-5/16	12-1/4	
JULY-SEPT.	12-1/4		

The market was quiet.

	Previous close	Today's close	Change
S P O T			

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Passengers on board the vessel were lavish in their praise of the many comforts provided on board and the President Jackson herself made an imposing sight in grey as she lay at the Kowloon Wharves throughout yesterday.

ON HER MAIDEN TRIP, THE PRESIDENT JACKSON INCLUDED IN HER GUEST LIST A NUMBER OF PROMINENT PERSONALITIES. She is commanded by Captain Hawkins, who is very popular with all departments of the ship's staff.

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THE PASSENGERS

Among the many prominent personalities on board were: Mr. N. F. Allman, partner of Allman Davies, Law Firm of Shanghai on a business trip to Hong Kong.

Mr. C. S. Franklin, prominent Lawyer and Senior Partner of Franklin and Harrington, Shanghai Law Firm. Mr. Franklin was formerly Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and is accompanied by his wife.

JAP. VESSEL SUNK

SHIHING, Dec. 15 (Central). Many Japanese were drowned as a result of a Chinese attack on several Japanese war vessels steaming from Kowkong to Kung-moon on the night of December 9. One of the vessels was damaged and the Japanese on board were thrown into the river.

HEALTH RETURNS

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on Dec. 13: Cholera, one case; Diphtheria, two cases; Measles, one case; Enteric Fever, three cases; Cerebro-Spinal Fever, one case; Dysentery, two cases; Tuberculosis, 22 cases.

Mr. Marcus Ramsay, Representative of the Albert Ramsay Co. of New York Jewellers, en route to Colombo, where he has been living. Mr. Ramsay boarded the President Jackson at San Francisco.

Mr. Dirk Albee, Manager of the Netherlands Trading Society at Kobe, Japan, en route to Bombay.

Mr. James R. Bell, Sales Manager for the Imperial Tobacco Co. at Calcutta, en route to his post accompanied by his wife after their recent marriage.

Dr. Vasant Ramji Khanoliar, Director of Research Laboratories at the Memorial Hospital in Bombay. Dr. Khanoliar has recently completed research work at the Hospital's New York branch and is working towards enlightenment on cancer.

Mr. Edwin P. Lancaster, Tobacco Buyer for the Indian Leaf Tobacco Co. at Calcutta, India, returning to that port after his furlough which was spent in the United States.

Mr. Rolland S. Parker, Far Eastern Representative for the Garlock Packing Company, en route to Bombay from Shanghai accompanied by his wife.

Mr. Clayton B. Thomas, District Sales Manager for the Standard Vacuum Oil Co., en route to Bombay with Mrs. Thomas.

Miss Sybil Jason, Popular Movie Star who has appeared in a number of Hollywood pictures. She is en route to Capetown accompanied by her elder sister, Anita.

Mr. George W. Lynott, Representative of the American Bank Note Co. at Shanghai. He is accompanied by his charming wife, en route to New York via Cape Town on their furlough.

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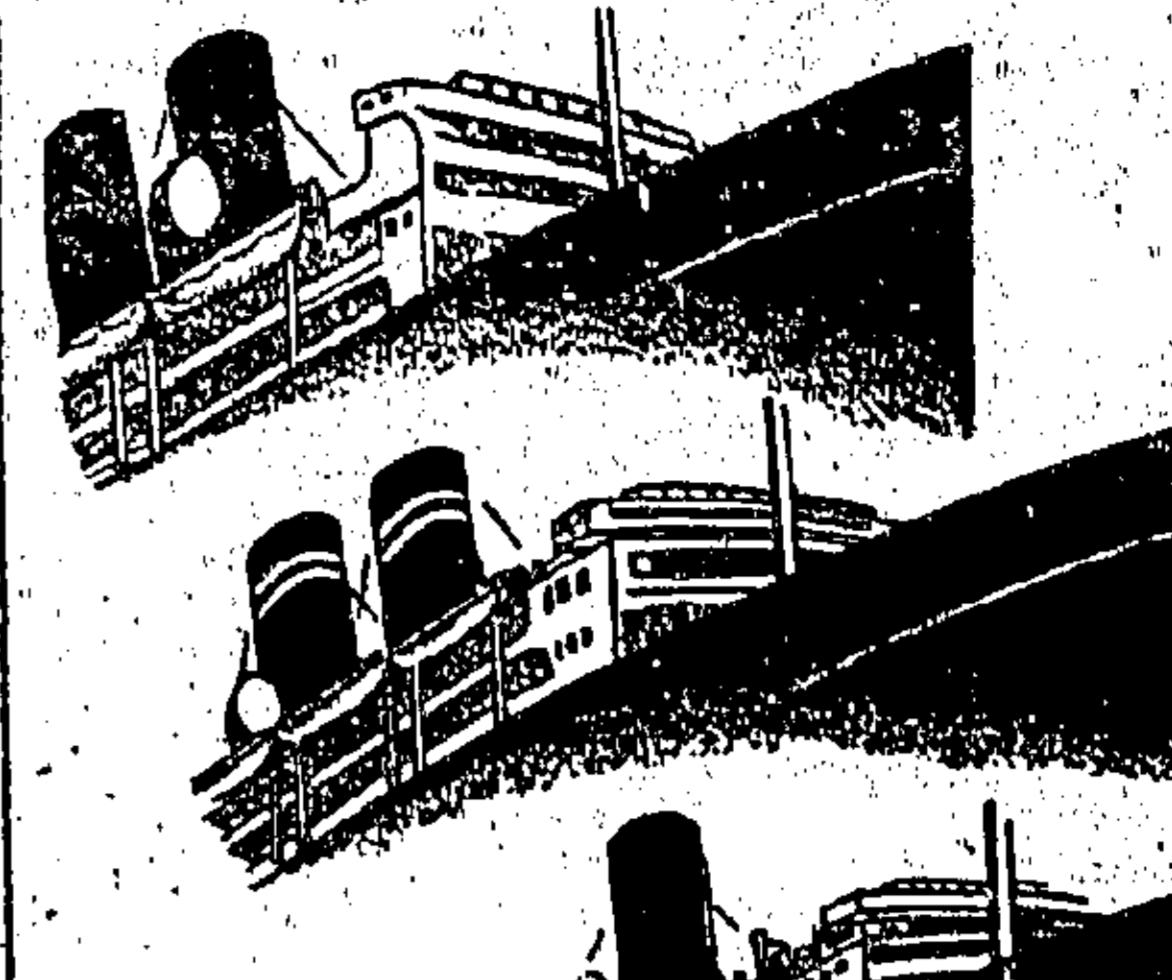
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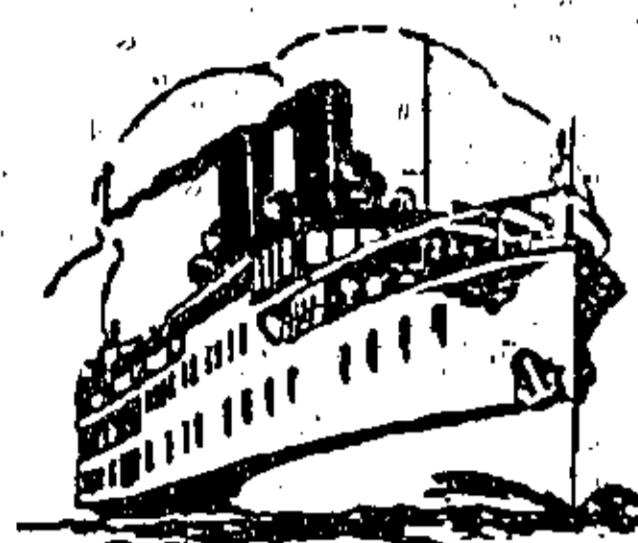
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GREEK WAR & WESTERN DESERT:**FAULTY PREPARATIONS OF ITALIANS DISCUSSED BY BRITISH STAFF OFFICER**

"ALL IS WELL WITH AN ARMY THAT CAN BRING OFF SUCH A DELICATE AND BOLD OPERATION."

This passage was quoted from The Times, by a British Staff Officer, when he spoke in London yesterday on the developments of the war in Greece and the dramatic attack by the British Army of the Nile on the Italian troops in the Western Desert.

After recounting the start of the Italian attack on Greece, the speaker said that Signor Mussolini had ordered this invasion without giving his army leaders time to make their preparations.

IL DUCE TOOK A CHANCE
"Without preparations, no operation can succeed," said the speaker, "but for political or party reasons, Signor Mussolini took the chance that the Greeks would not resist and taking that chance involved the lives of his troops."

The Greeks, to their unbound-ed credit, refused to be intimidated by this Hitler technique. They saw what had happened in Rumania and were determined that it would be better to die fighting than to submit to the sort of conditions that prevailed in Rumania ever since she placed herself in Herr Hitler's power.

"The Greeks, I might remind you, were not even mobilised when the attack was made. Those troops already on the frontier resisted where resistance was possible and were forced slowly back. They could, during this time, only speed up their mobilisation and some of the troops ordered to the front did not have time to even carry up their stores and munitions. These were carried up later, sometimes on the backs of women and old men."

"In the meantime, we did all we could to help, but this help could not possibly arrive for a few days and so the Greeks had to rely entirely on themselves at first."

ITALIAN PLAN
"Our position in Egypt, after the French defection, became a difficult one. We could not longer count on the French army in Syria or Tunisia or on the French Fleet. Thus our army was greatly inferior to the forces of Marshal Graziani, as he was able to concentrate everything he had against us alone."

"Despite his superiority, it was not until the middle of September that he began his advance into Egyptian territory and this had given us time to get up reinforcements and supplies to Egypt."

"The Italians then dug themselves in a number of perimeter camps and these were fortified with anti-tank and anti-aircraft guns. There was good reason for the trouble the Italians took to protect these camps, because ever since the start of the war, the British mosquito forces had harassed them constantly, taking a few prisoners when opportunity offered, destroying vehicles and generally making themselves a nuisance."

"Since Sept. 3rd the Italians stayed in their perimeter camps doing nothing except building up their stores, etc. in preparation for their next advance, while our units continued to harass them."

"Suddenly, on Dec. 9, a British force appeared out of the blue and attacked the Italian camp south of Sidi Barrani. At the same time other forces attacked to the east, while armoured forces swept round south and came behind the enemy at Bag-Bug."

"It is early yet to give details of these attacks—but there is no doubt they came as a surprise to the Italians. The fact that a force of the size which launched the attack could have advanced as they did, shows that the plans were carried out with great skill and now, within three days, Sidi Barrani has been captured."

"Sidi Barrani is not largely important. It consists of a few mud huts, but it stands on the one and only road to Bag-Bug and it was also the headquarters of the Italians in that area."

"It is too early yet to say how far this advance will go on, but our forces are still advancing westwards. News, however, is likely to be meagre while these operations are still in progress. The Italian forces in this region, consisting of about two or three divisions have been dispersed and captured and a large quantity of war material is in our hands. The latest reports show that they have captured a large number of prisoners, including a corps commander and several Italian generals."

"In the words of Friday's Times: 'All is well with an army that can bring off such a delicate and bold operation,' concluded the speaker."

NAVY RUGBY XV

The following have been selected to represent the Navy in a rugby match against Club "A" on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at the Club ground, kick-off 4.45 p.m.

Midshipman Rowe; Sub-Lieutenant Kennedy; Petty Officer Wilson; Cadet Lambie; Leading Aircraftman Gracie; Sub-Lieutenant Smith; Electrical Artificer Wilson; Sub-Lieutenant Winter; Lieutenant (E) Brown; Able Seaman Hughes; Leading Aircraftwoman Stockham; Cadet Thornhill; Able Seaman Williams; Sick Berth Attendant Buxton; Ordn. Signalman Taylor; Reserves—Petty Officer Skinner; Able Seaman Lilley; Able Seaman Smith; Able Seaman Rees; Pilot Officer Baugh; Petty Officer Jones; Leading Signalman Mitchell.

"In the words of Friday's Times: 'All is well with an army that can bring off such a delicate and bold operation,' concluded the speaker."

QUADRANGULAR RUGBY TOURNEY

Navy completed the first round of the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament on Saturday when, with a surprise win over Army by a goal and two tries (11 points) to a try (three points), they climbed to the top of the table.

Navy opened the scoring when Paul securing the ball just about the line, made a touch down which he himself easily converted to give Navy the lead. This lead was increased by Poole who crossed the line far out for an unconverted try.

ARMY SCORES

At the resumption Army started with a rush but this was soon checked by Navy. Following a scrum about 10 yards from the Army line Rutherford scored a try but Paul failed with the kick. After hammering away at the Navy defence for some time Army was finally awarded when Gilham scrambled over close in for an unconverted try.

CLUB SWAMPS POLICE

At Boundary Street Police was swamped by Club and lost by six goals and two tries (38 points) to a goal and a penalty try (8 points), after leading by 18 clear points at the interval.

Tries were scored by Day (three), Thomson (three), Cartwright and Bosanquet; Aitkenhead converted three of the tries, Taylor two and Redman one.

The points for Police were scored by Dempsey whose try was converted by Wall.

FRIENDLY GAME

Owing to the inability of Club "A" to raise a team against Royal Scots a Rest of the Colony XV took the field and, after a scrappy encounter, Rest won by two goals and a try (13 points) to a dropped goal and a try (7 points).

FINE BATTING BY RICHARDSON, LEE**Saturday's Cricket**

A great innings of 97, scored out of 117, by J. E. Richardson, Interpreter and Civil Service batsman, in the match against Indian R.C. at Sookunpoo, was the outstanding feature of an otherwise low-scoring programme of friendly cricket matches on Saturday.

The next highest score, 59 runs, went to the bat of A. T. Lee, playing for Kowloon C.C.

The hat-trick was performed by Aziz Ahmed (University) who returned the final figures of 2-0-5-3.

BIG VICTORY FOR K.C.C.

At Cox's Road K.C.C. "A" beat Craigenhower "A" by 58 runs.

K.C.C. 130 (A. T. Lee 59 not out; Billimoria 5 for 16; Souza 3 for 18).

C.C.C. 42 (A. B. Hamson 12; G. Souza 10; Lloyd 6 for 5; E. F. Fincher 3 for 2).

DRAWN GAME

At Sookunpoo Indian R.C. drew with Civil Service C.C.

C.S.C.C. 185 for 7 decld. (J. E. Richardson 87, K. J. Attwell 42, D. J. Hollidge 33; Minu 4 for 72); I.R.C. 99 for 7 (A. H. Rumjahn 32; Perry 3 for 35; Richardson 2 for 53).

INTER-CLUB MATCH

At King's Park Recreio Volunteers drew with Rest of the Club.

Volunteers 111 (E. I. Gosano 31, H. A. Barros 21; M. A. Remedios 3 for 6; J. M. Gosano 2 for 18); Non-Volunteers 100 for 7 (M. A. Remedios 25, L. G. Gosano 24, G. N. Gosano 22; Prata 3 for 10, E. L. Ozorio 2 for 59).

INDIANS NARROW WIN

At the Valley Civil Service juniors lost to Indian R.C. juniors by eight runs.

I.R.C. 84 (A. R. Suffield 34; Stone 4 for 29; 3 for 25).

C.S.C.C. 76 (A. Watson 25; Bum-jahn 3 for 12; Singh 3 for 24).

SCHOOLBOYS DEFEATED

At the Central British School round the Diocesan Boys' School lost to Royal Army Pay Corps by 24 runs.

R.A.P.C. 84 (Stonor 25, Dixon 24; Hulse 4 for 15; Ibrahim 4 for 50).

D.B.S. 60 (A. J. Hulse 15, J. L. Youngs 12; Dixon 5 for 20; Ingley 4 for 33).

CLUB WON BY A SINGLE

At Chater Road Hongkong Cricket Club beat Royal Engineers by one wicket in an exciting finish.

R.E. 104 for 6 dec. (Sgt. Dewar 67, Sgt. Tropp 63).

H.K.C.C. 105 for 9 (Capt. Dewar 51, C.W.E. Bishop 40; Denyer 5 for 55).

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